

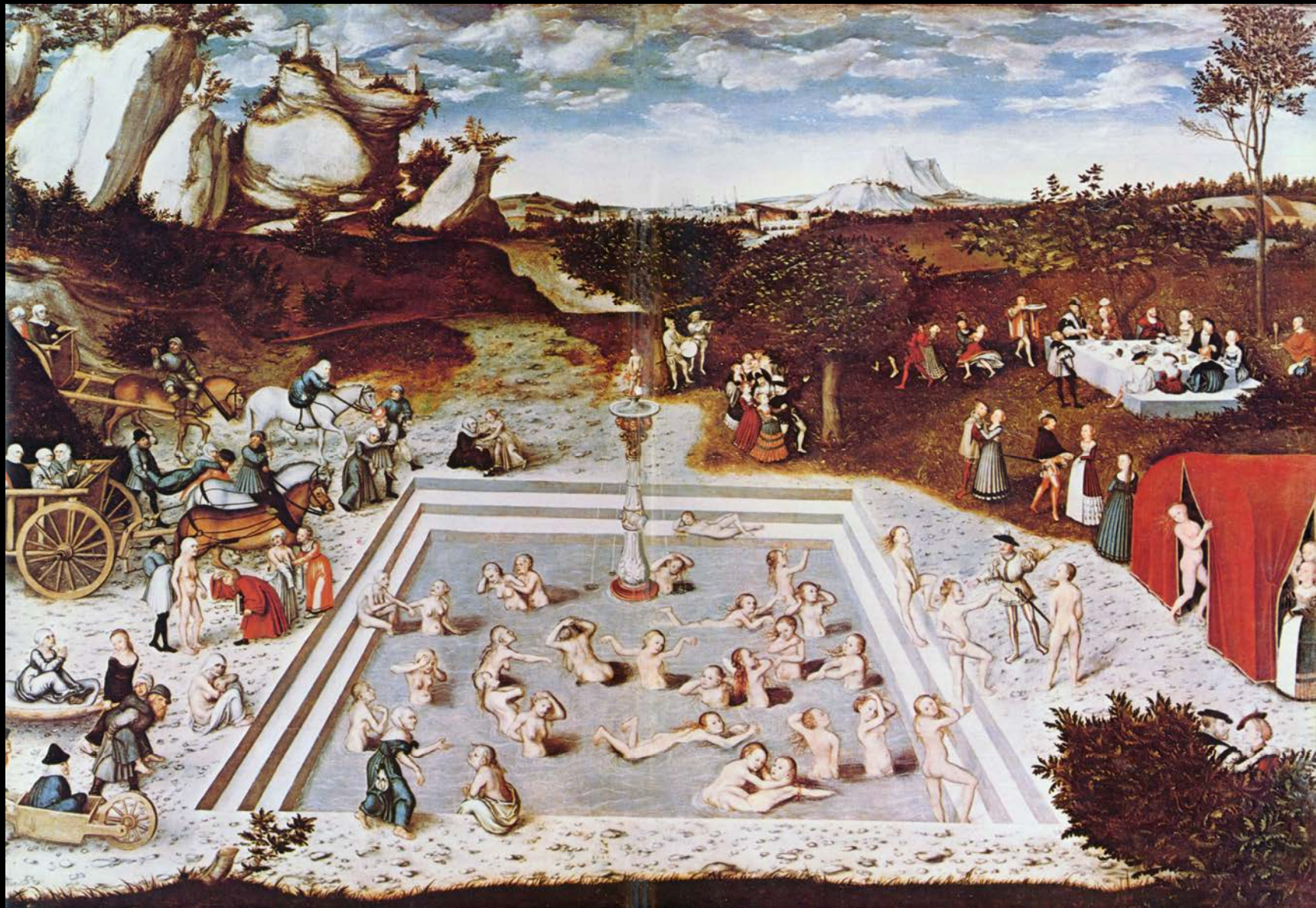


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# **Pluripotent stem cells for research and clinical application**



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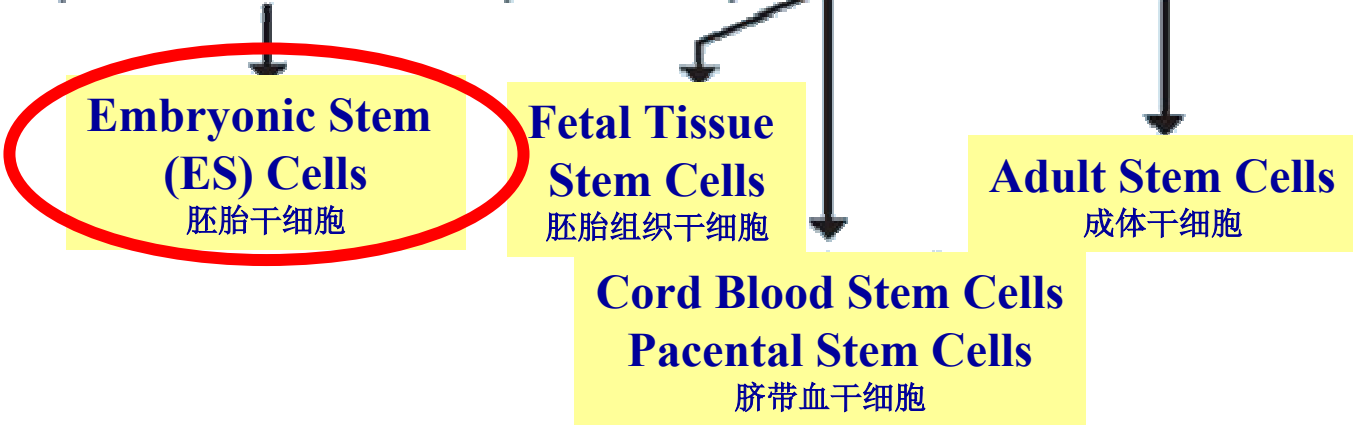
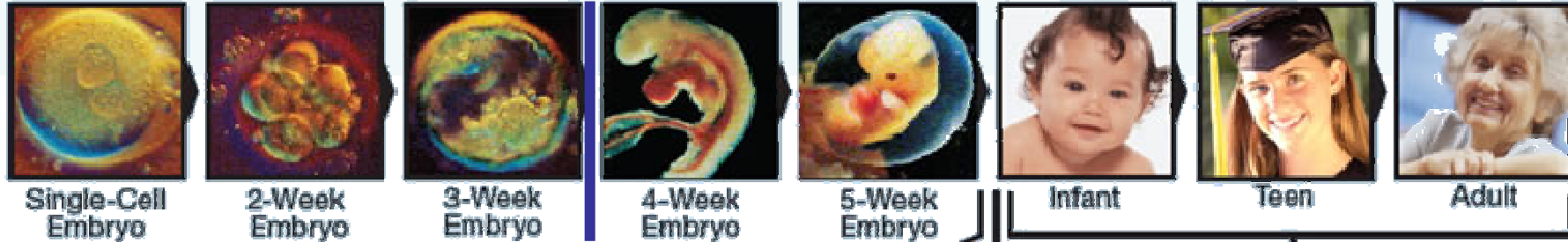


Lucas Cranach der Ältere, 1546

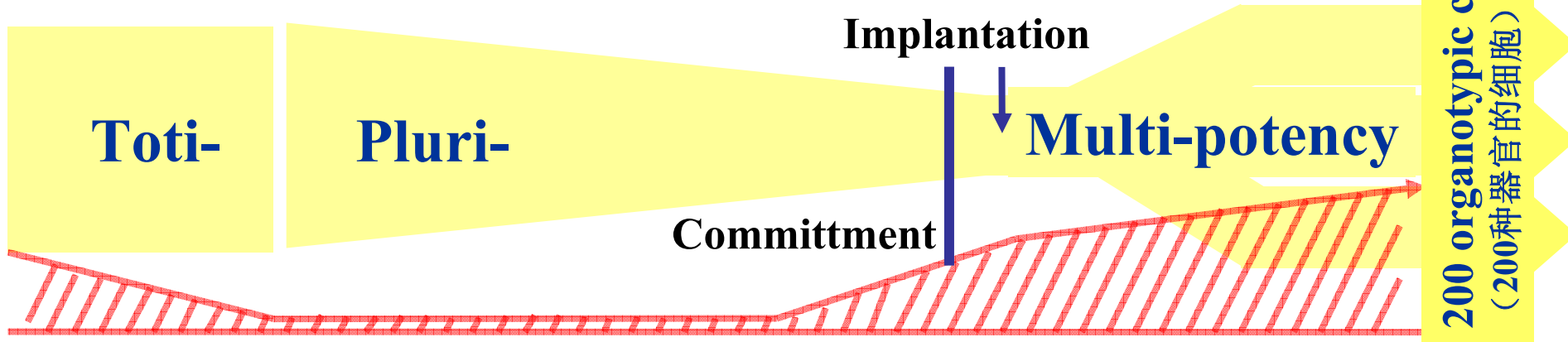
# Continuity and diversity of stem cells (干细胞的连续性和多样性)



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUUM

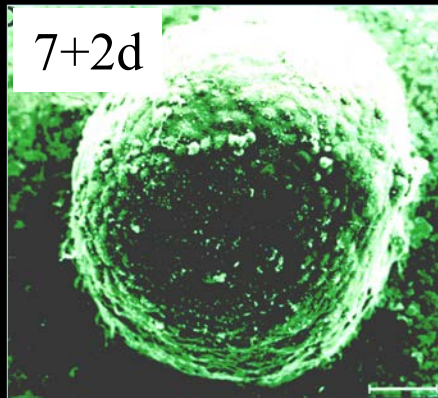
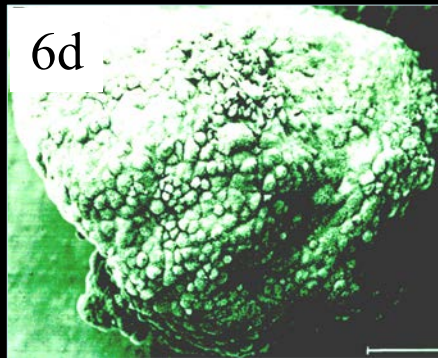
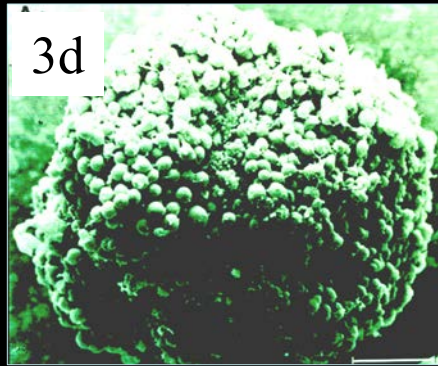


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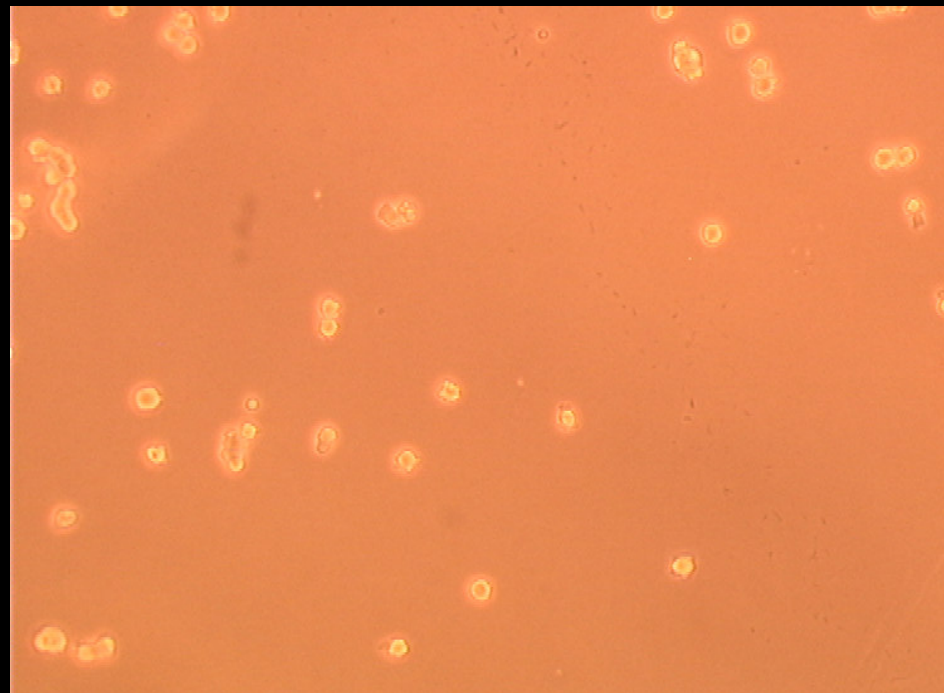
DNA Methylation/Imprinting (DNA甲基化与印记)

200 organotypic cells  
(200种器官的细胞)



## Main features of embryonic stem cells:

- Pluripotency
- Completely Undifferentiated (low DNA Imprinting)
- Self Renewal (Unlimited Cell Source, Colony Formation)



mESC line CGR8

Simi

oid body

**Embryonic stem cells**  
permanent, undifferentiated, pluripotent

Time  
schedule  
(days)



1



ES cell aggregates

2+



inner cell mass

endoderm

a



undifferentiated cells  
and ectoderm

b

7+



mesoderm

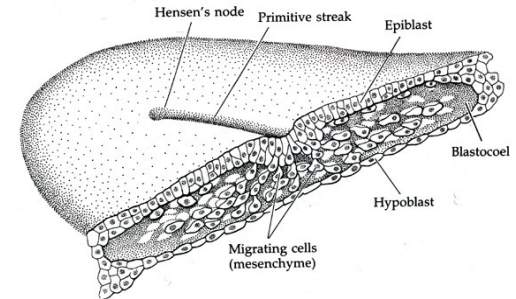
7+2



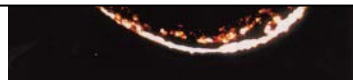
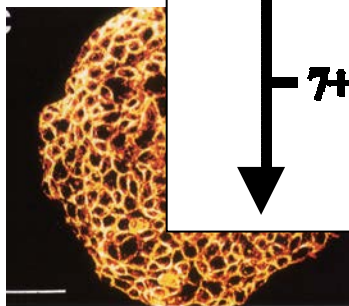
cardiomyocytes

neurogenesis

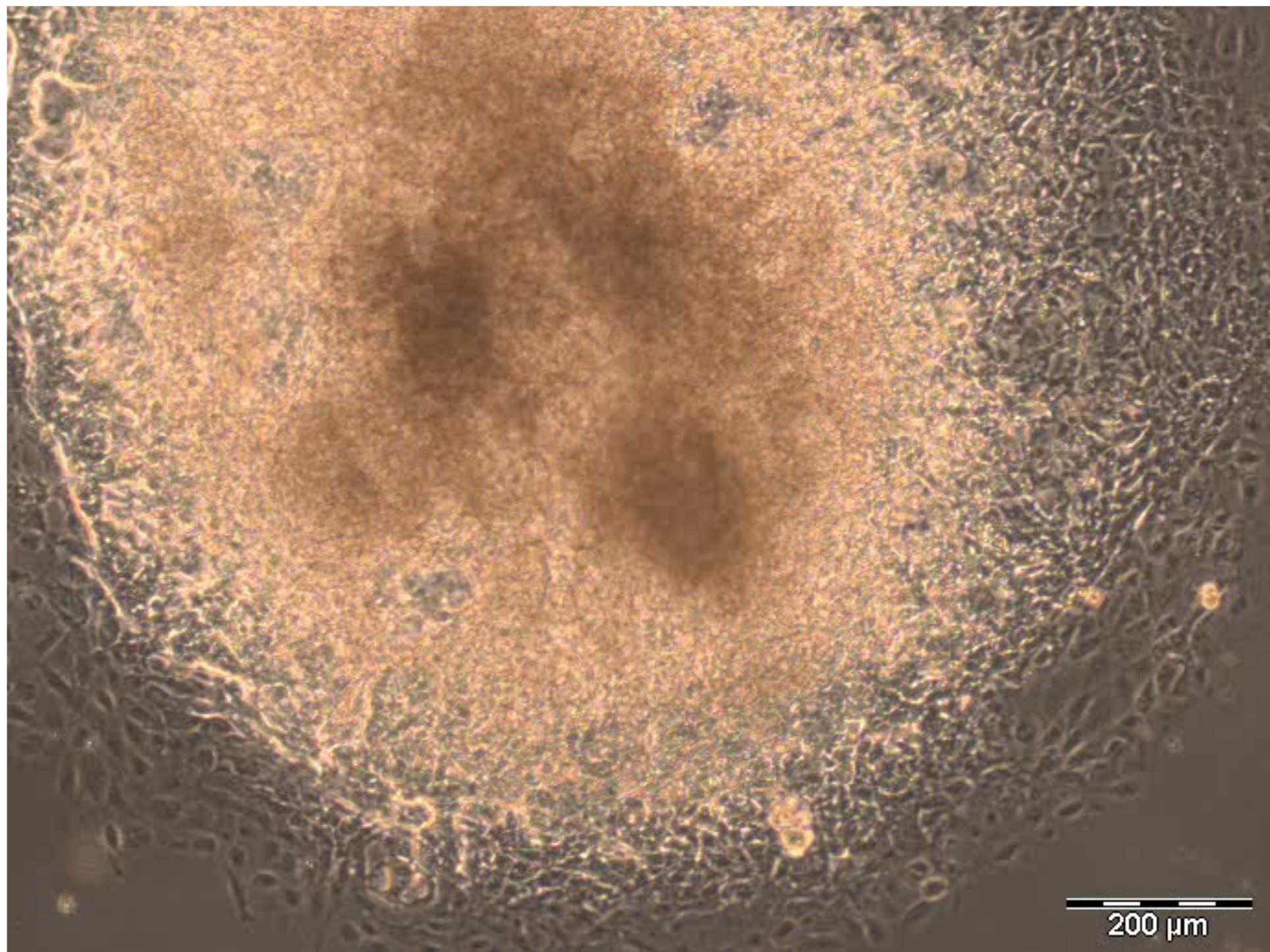
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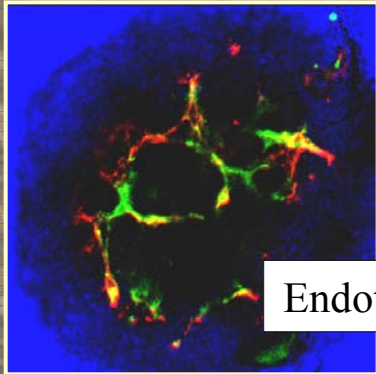


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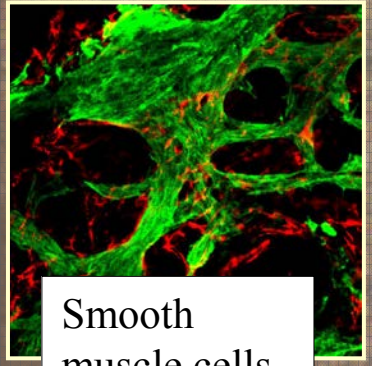
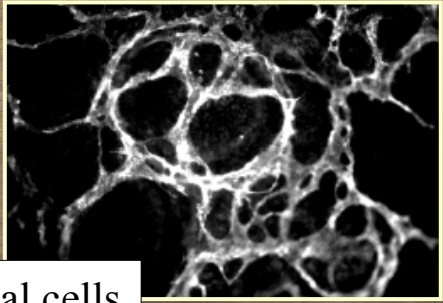


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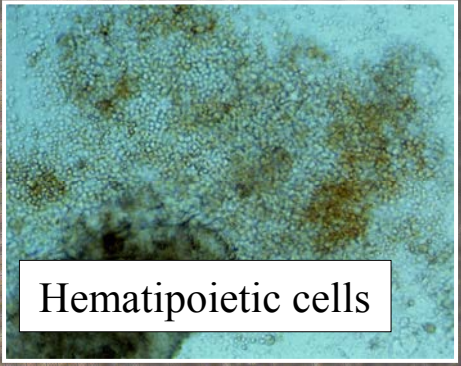




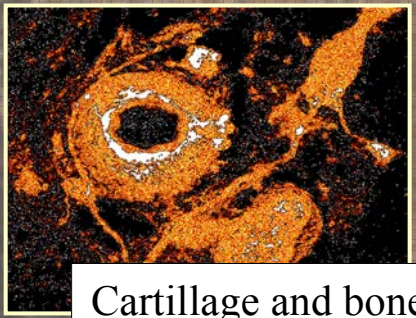
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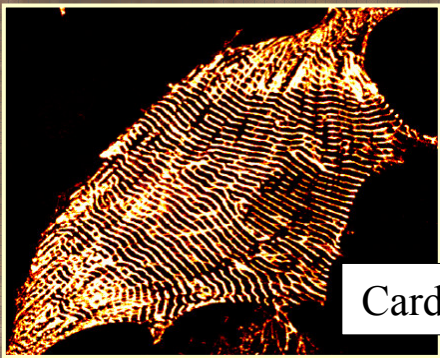
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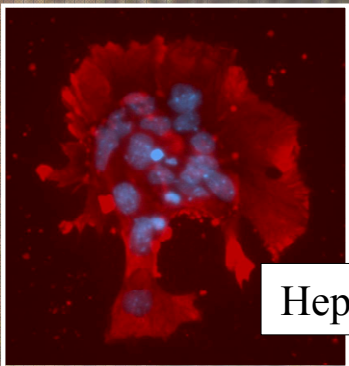
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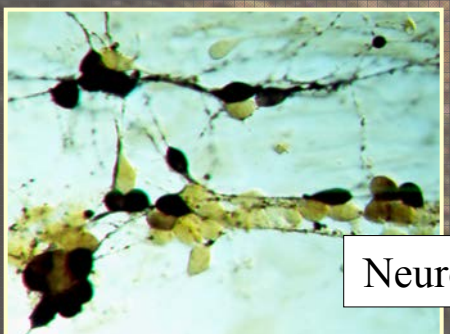
Cartillage and bone



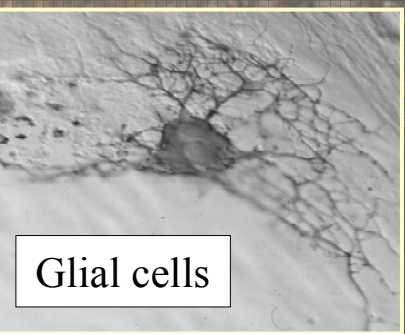
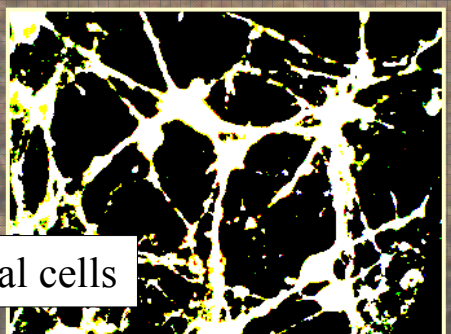
Cardiac cells



Hepatocytes



Neuronal cells



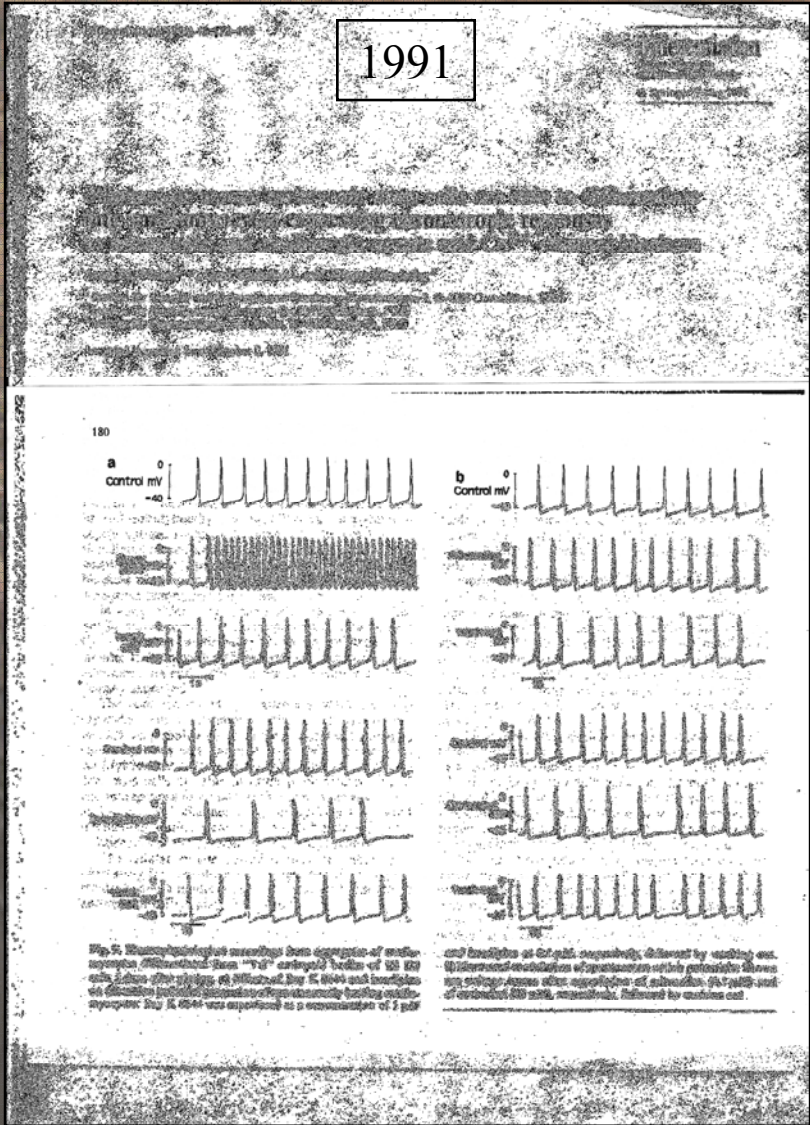
Glial cells

200 μm

1991

First Paper describing the functional relevance of ES derived cardiomyocytes

(Wobus, Wallukat, Hescheler, 1991)



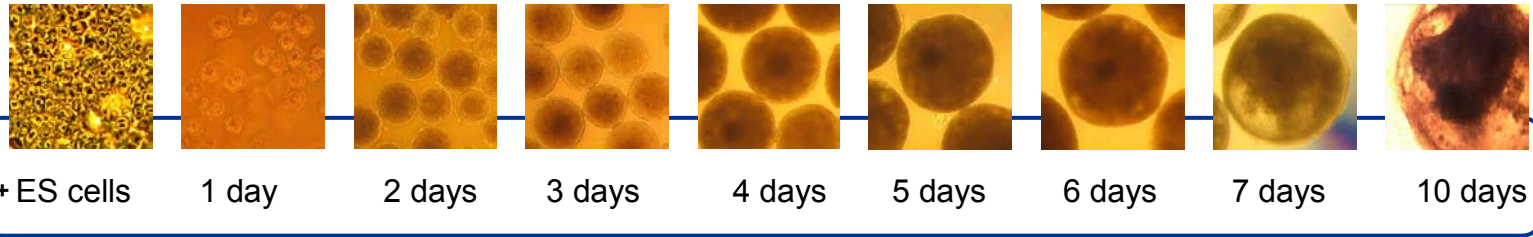
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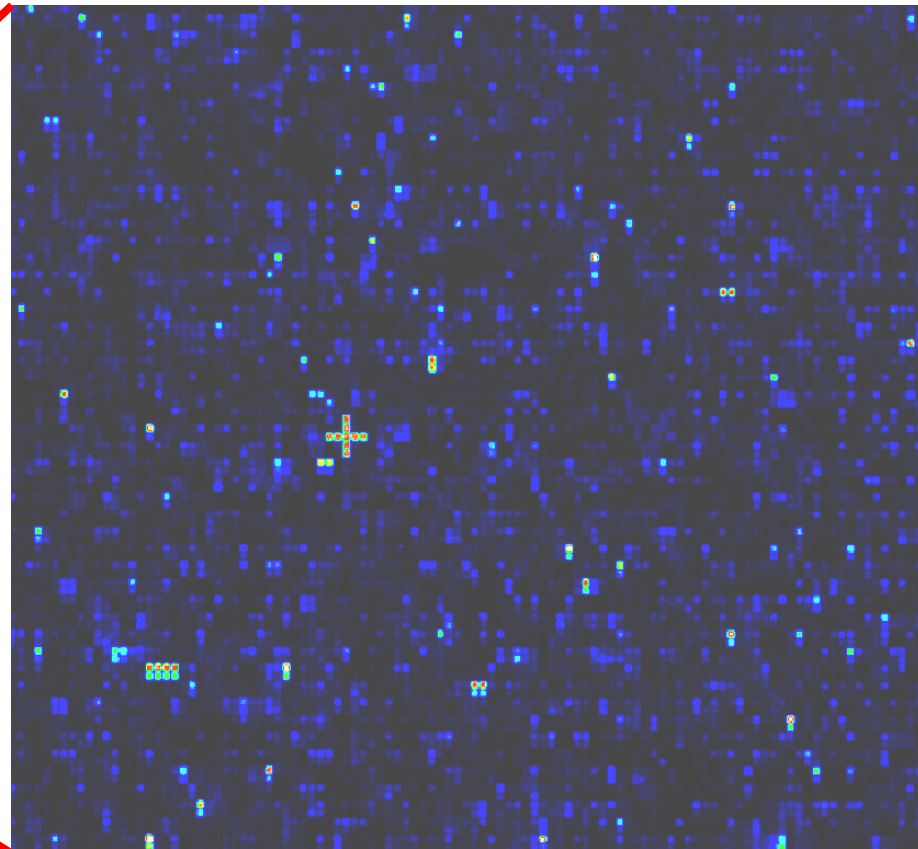
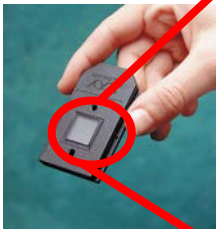
# Affymetrix Expression Profiling of EBs



Formation of Embryoid Bodies from CGR8 cells in hanging

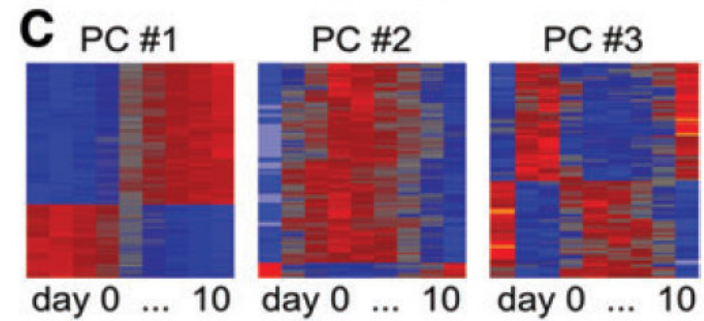
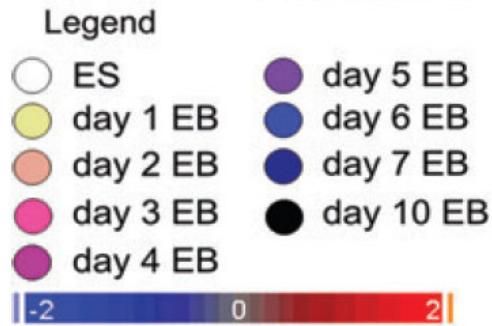
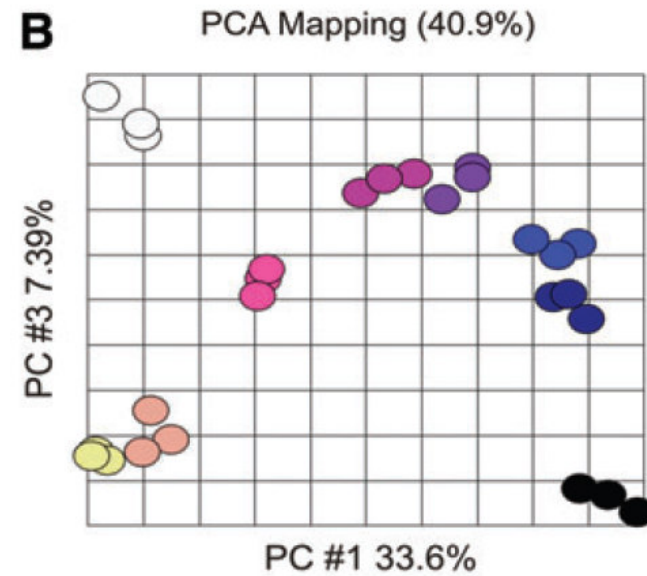
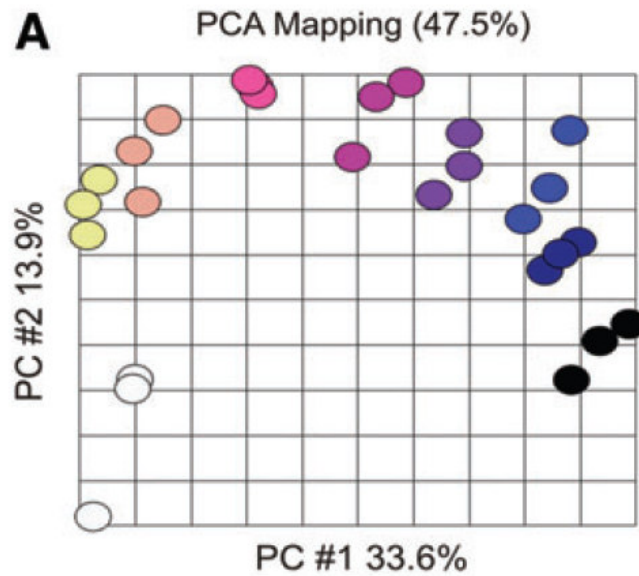


RNA preparation  
+  
microarray analysis



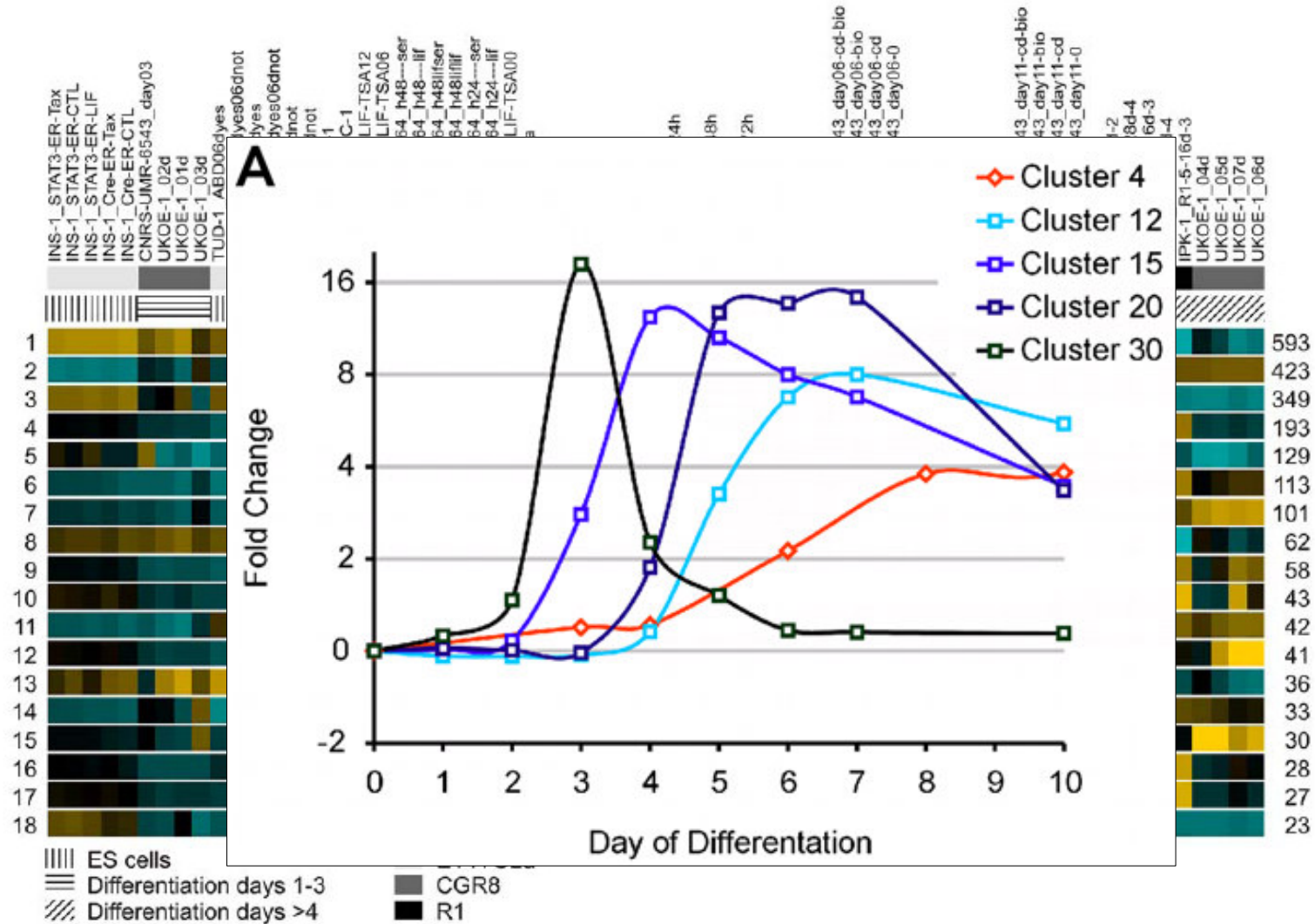


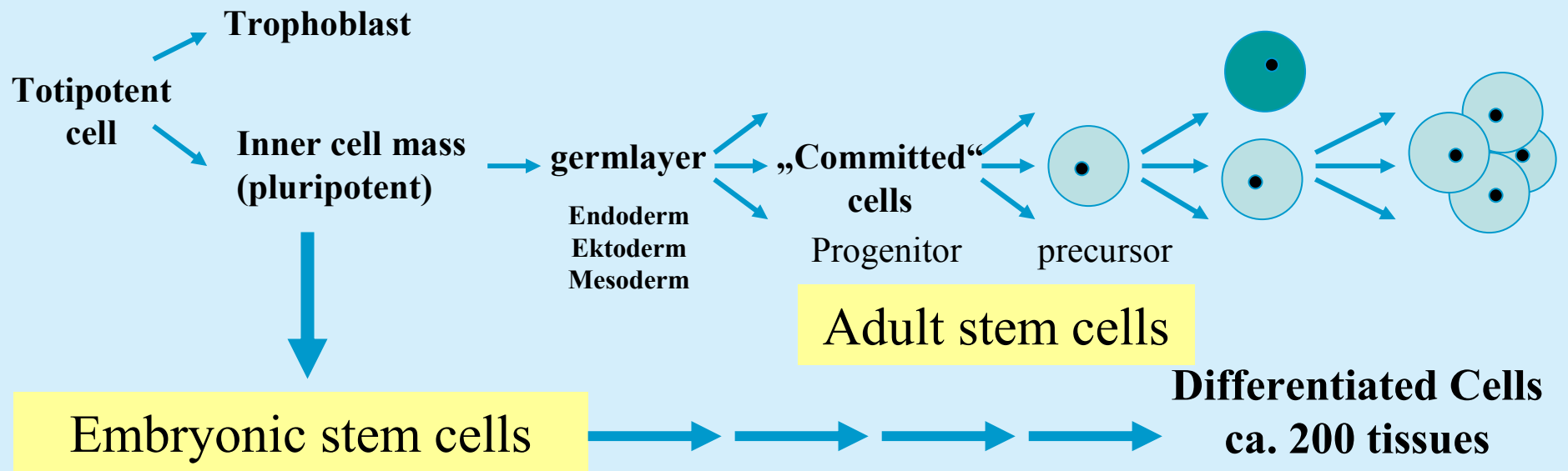
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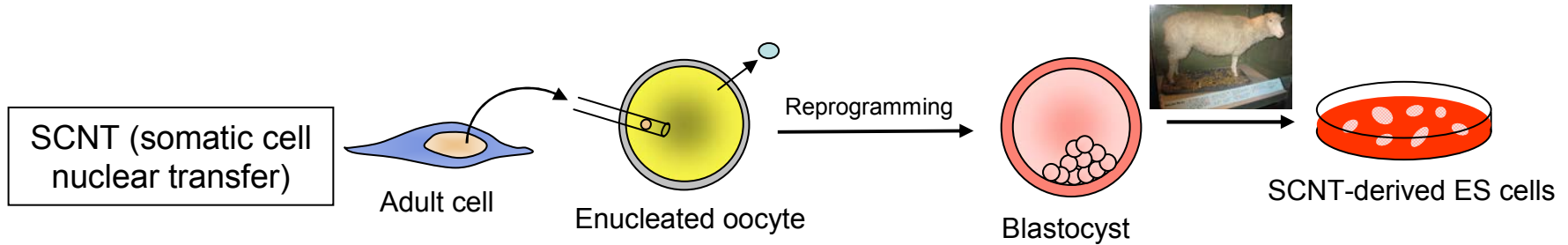


# Global hierarchical clustering analysis of the FunGenES microarray data

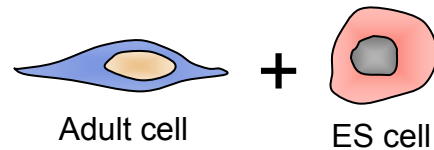




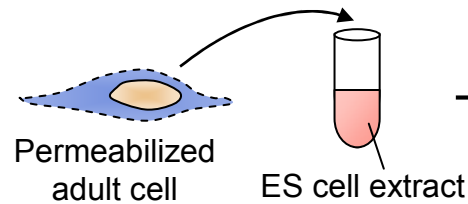
# Methods to derive autologous stem cells by nuclear reprogramming



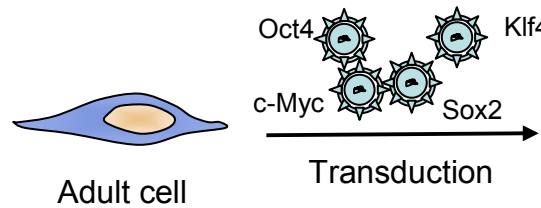
**Cell fusion**



**Cell extract**



**Overexpression of „stemness“ genes**



**Shin-Ya Yamanaka  
John B. Gurdon  
(Nobel Price 2012)**

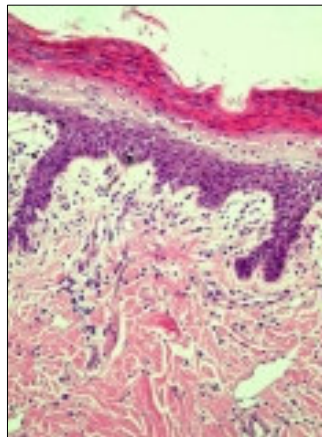
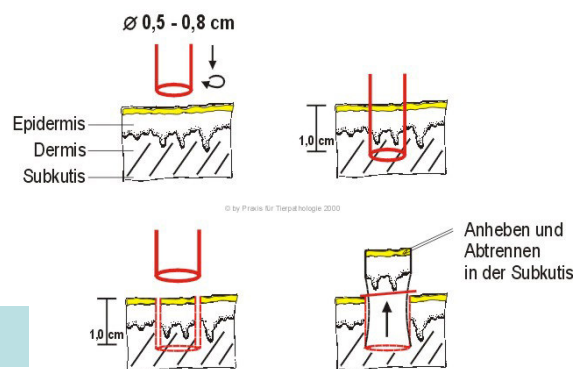
Transduced cell → Induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells



# Gewinnung von Hauptbiopsien



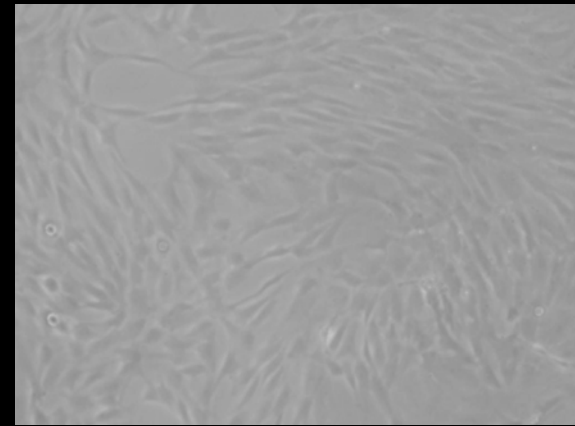
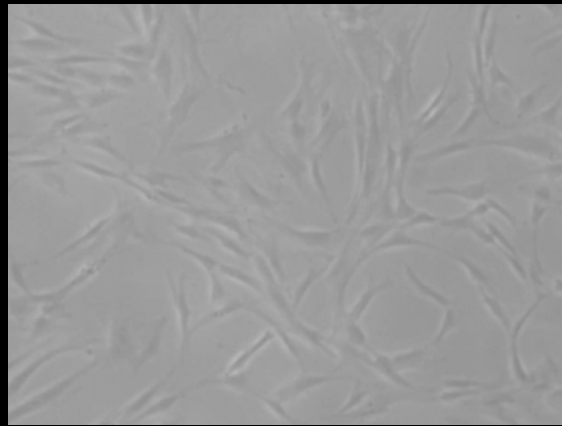
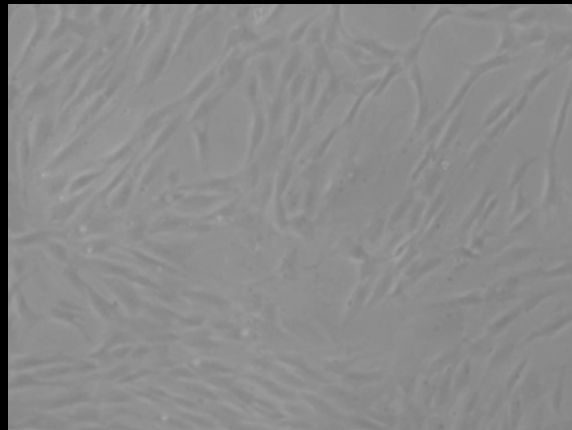
Gewinnung von Hautstanzbiopsien



3 days after biopsy

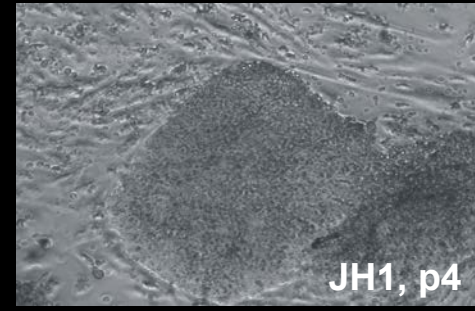
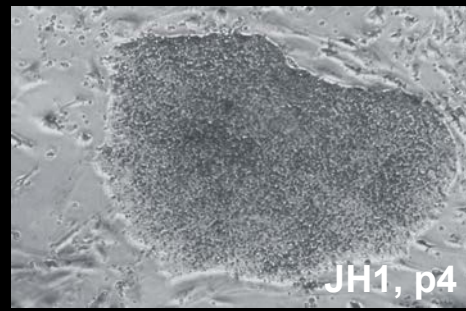
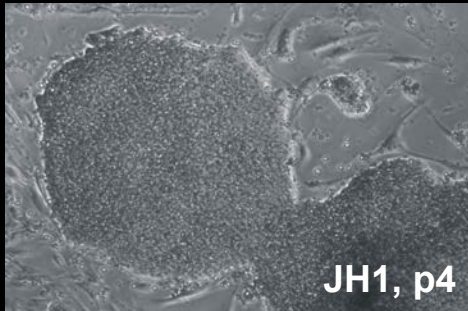
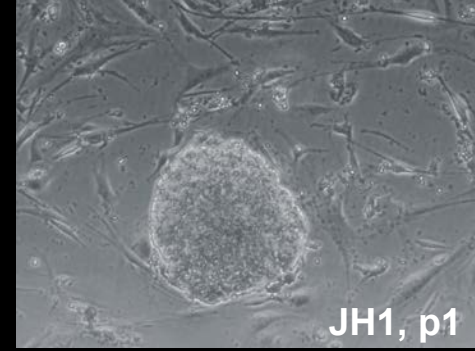
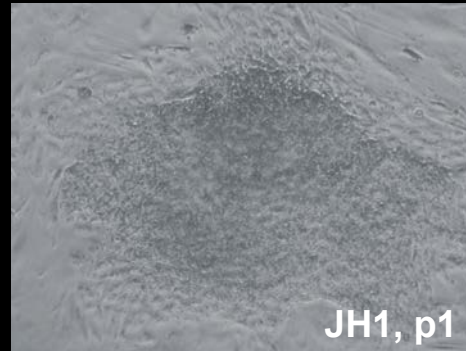
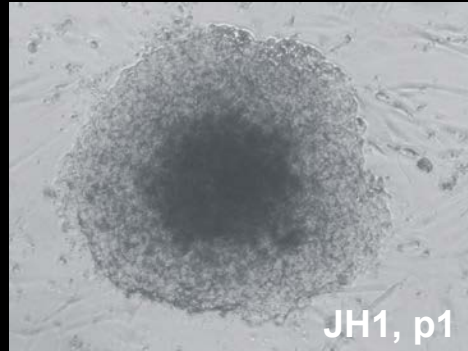
# Human fibroblasts derived from a skin biopsy (JH)

Passage 1

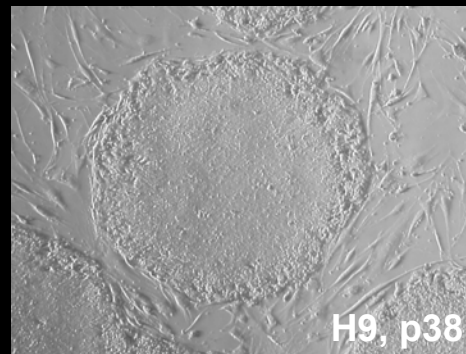


# Undifferentiated human ES and iPS cells

JH1 iPS cells



ES cells

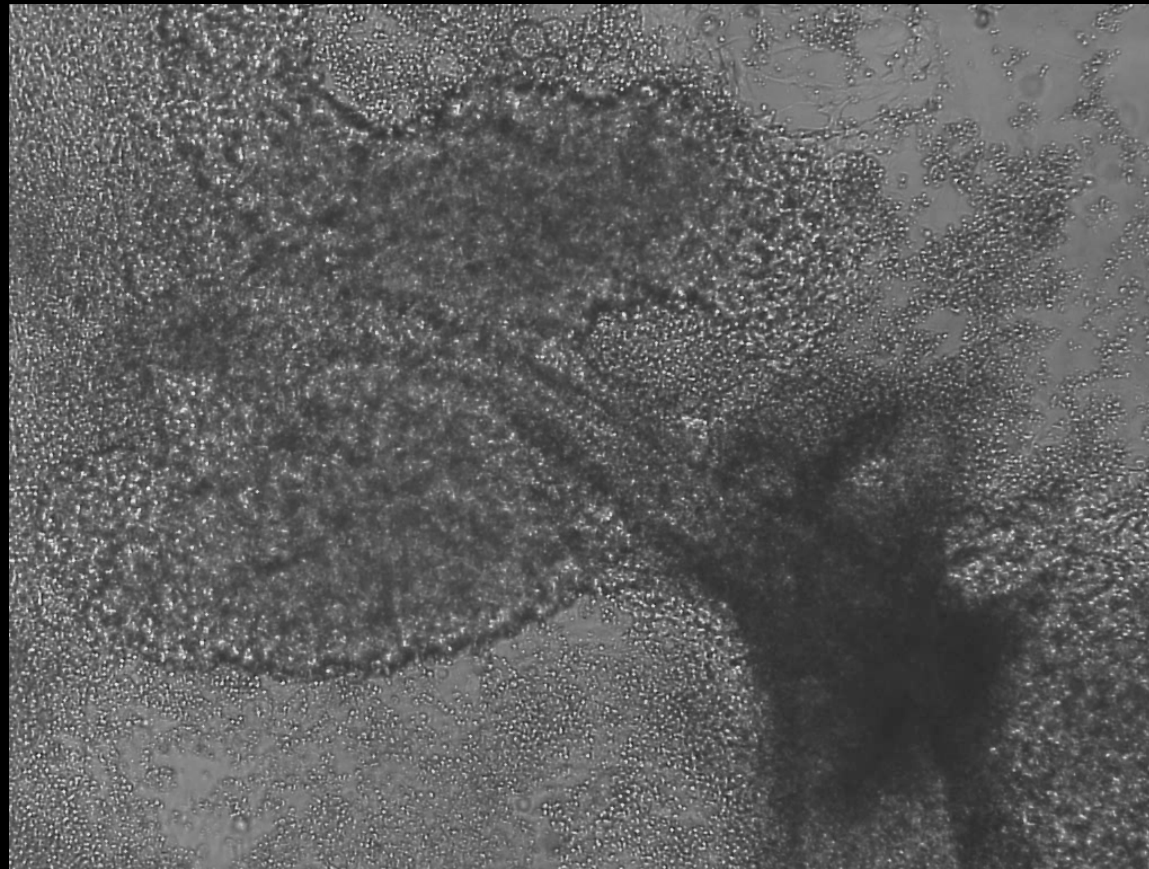




# Human JH1 iPS cell colonies are positive for alkaline phosphatase



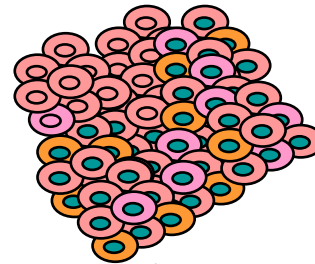
# Human JH1 iPS cells differentiate into beating cardiomyocytes



# Concept of Cell Transplantation in Regenerative Medicine



Transplantation into the diseased organ



Differentiated Autologous Purified Precursor Cells



*Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells*

## Cardiology

- Cardiac infarction
- Heart failure

## Neurology

- Parkinson, MS
- Spinal cord lesion

## Endocrinology

- Liver
- Pancreas/ $\beta$ -cells
- Intestine

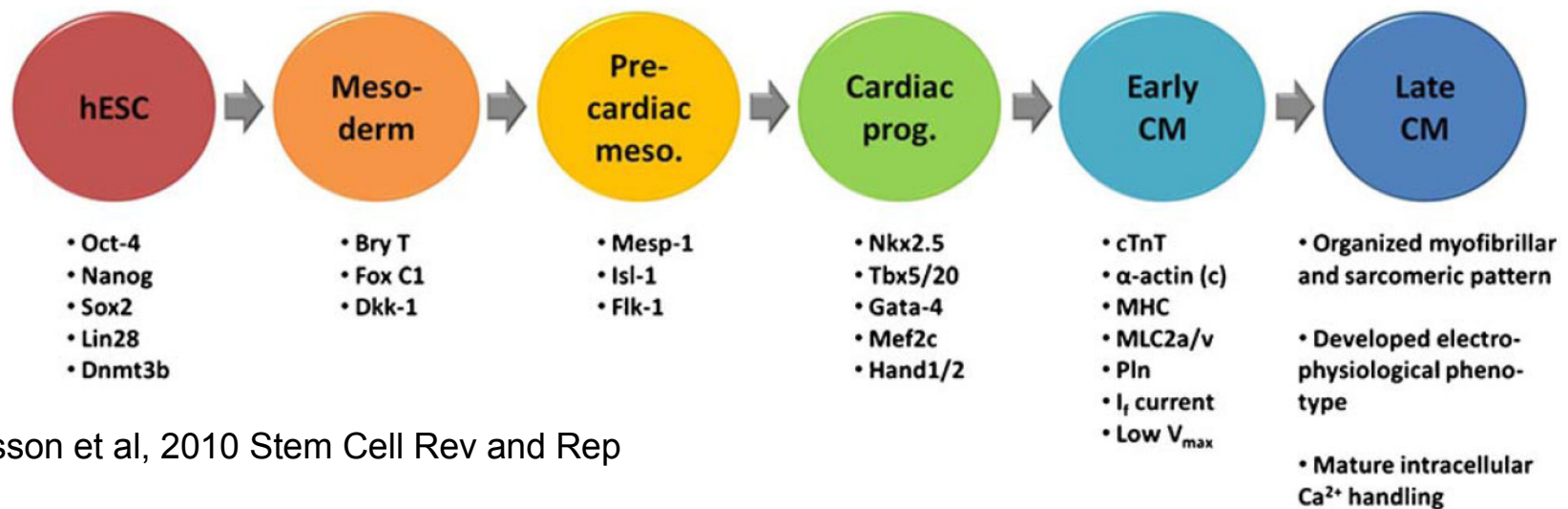
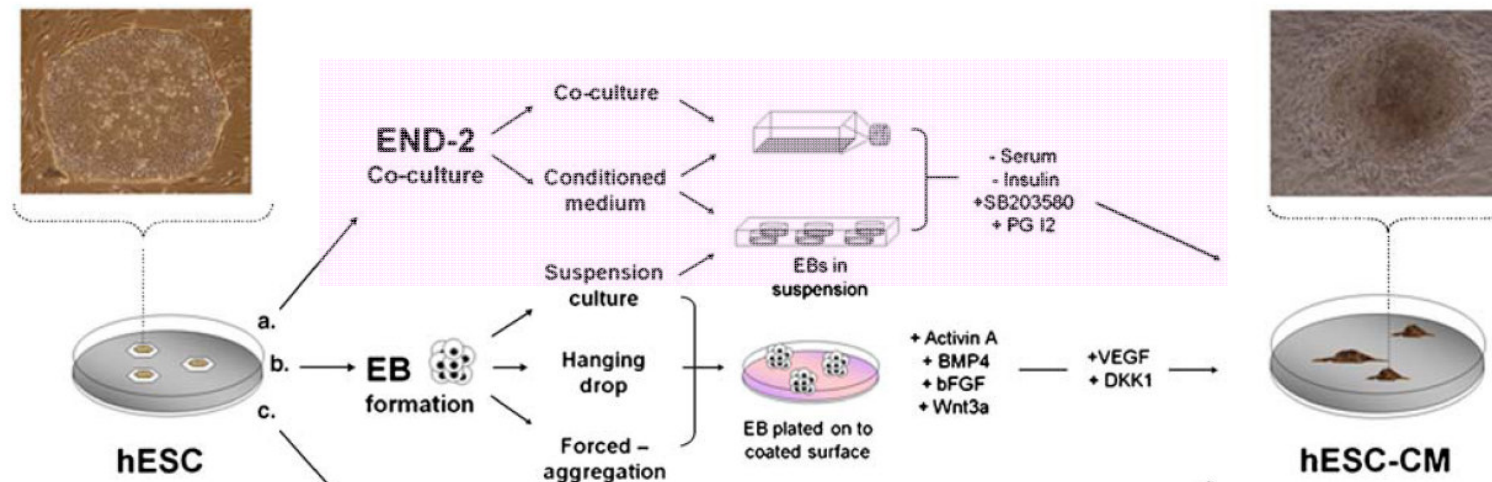
## Urology/Gynecology

- Uretra
- Urinary bladder
- Uterus

## Orthopäedics/Dermatology

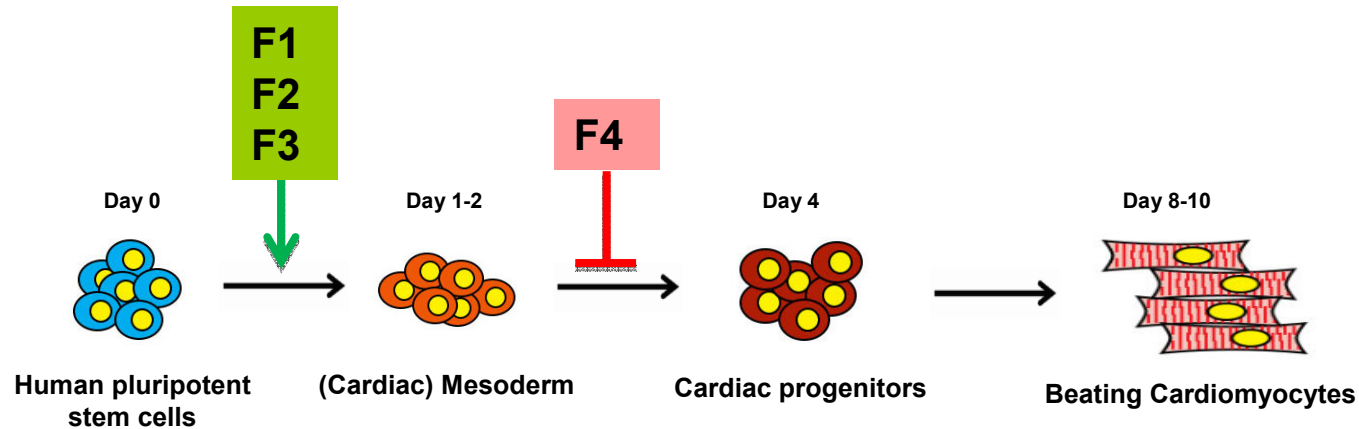
- Skin
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# Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Strategies

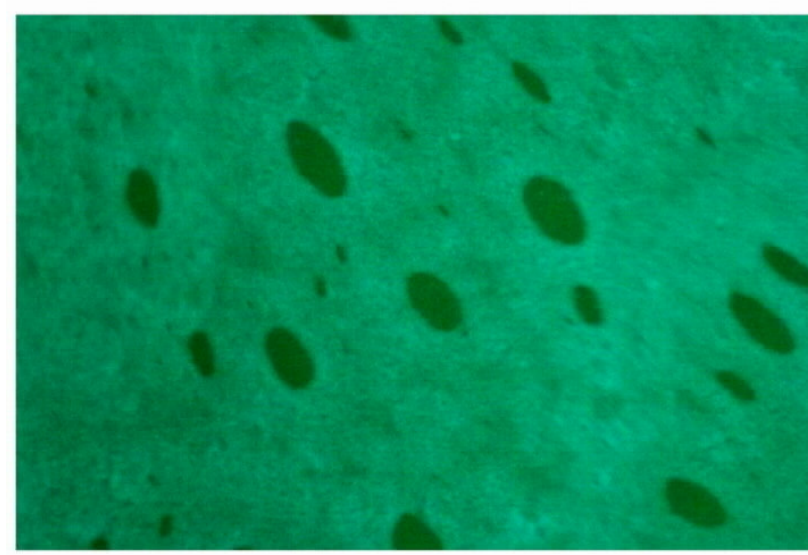
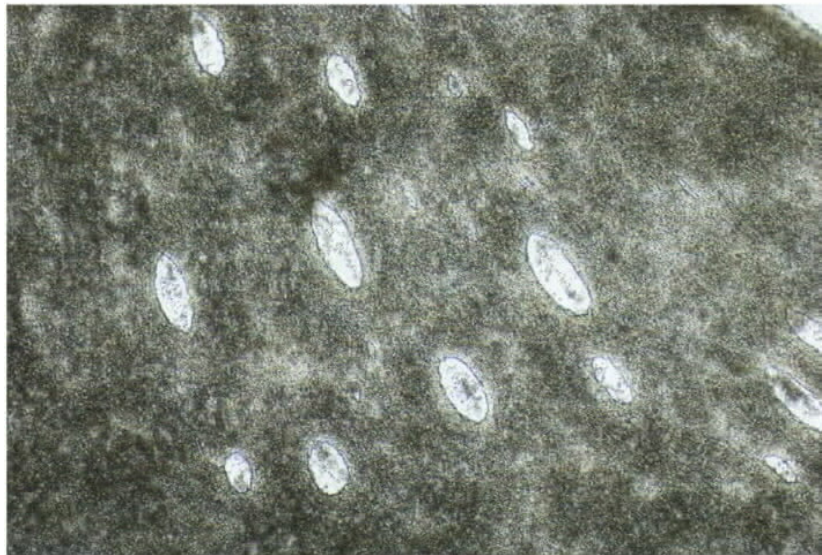


Vidarsson et al, 2010 Stem Cell Rev and Rep

# Human Cardiac Differentiation 心肌分化



Human pluripotent stem cell derived cardiomyocyte

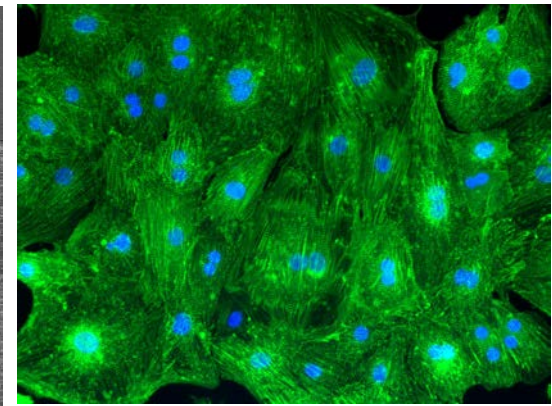
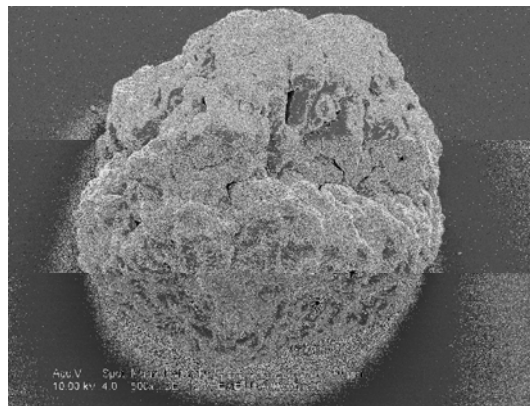
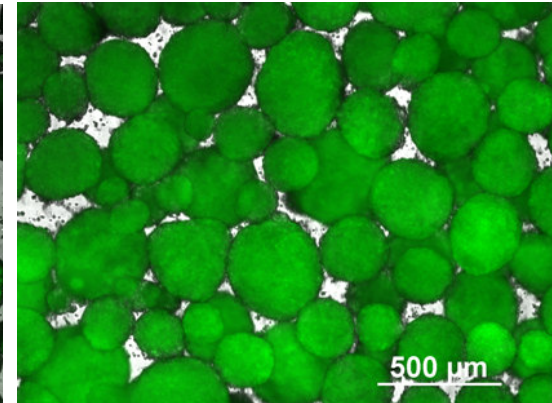
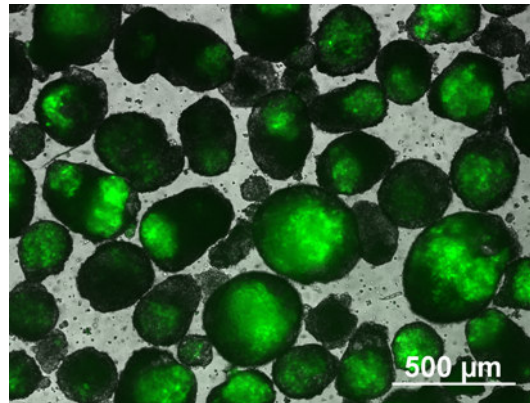
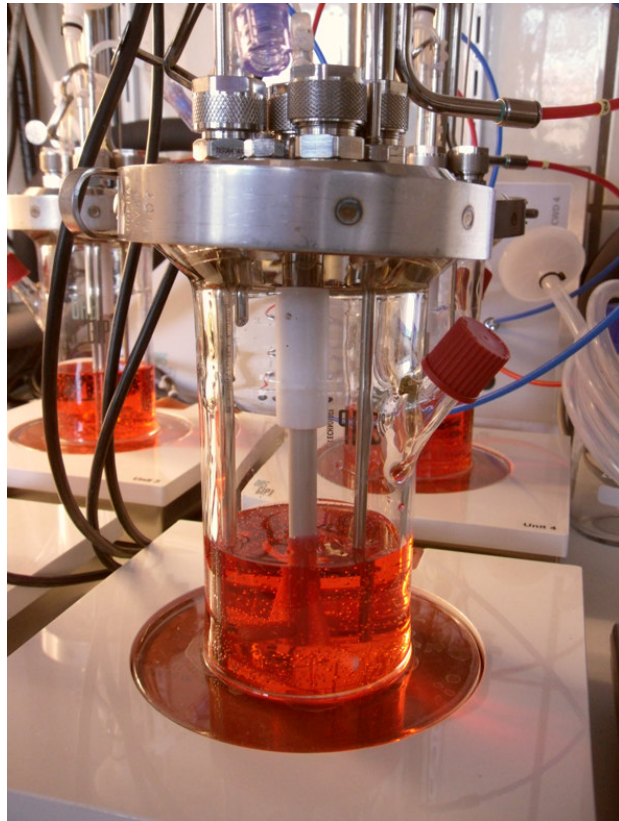


Cardiac specific reporter

Uniform sheet of homogenous, beating cardiomyocytes after 10 days of differentiation in defined conditions



# Differentiation and purification of murine iPS-CM in controlled suspension bioreactor



# Stirred Tank Bioreactors

✓ Fully controlled Environment ( $pO_2$ , pH, temperature, agitation...)

✓ Scalability

✓ Automation

✓ Reproducibility

✓ Homogeneity

✓ Easy sampling



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Paula Alves  
Magarida Serra

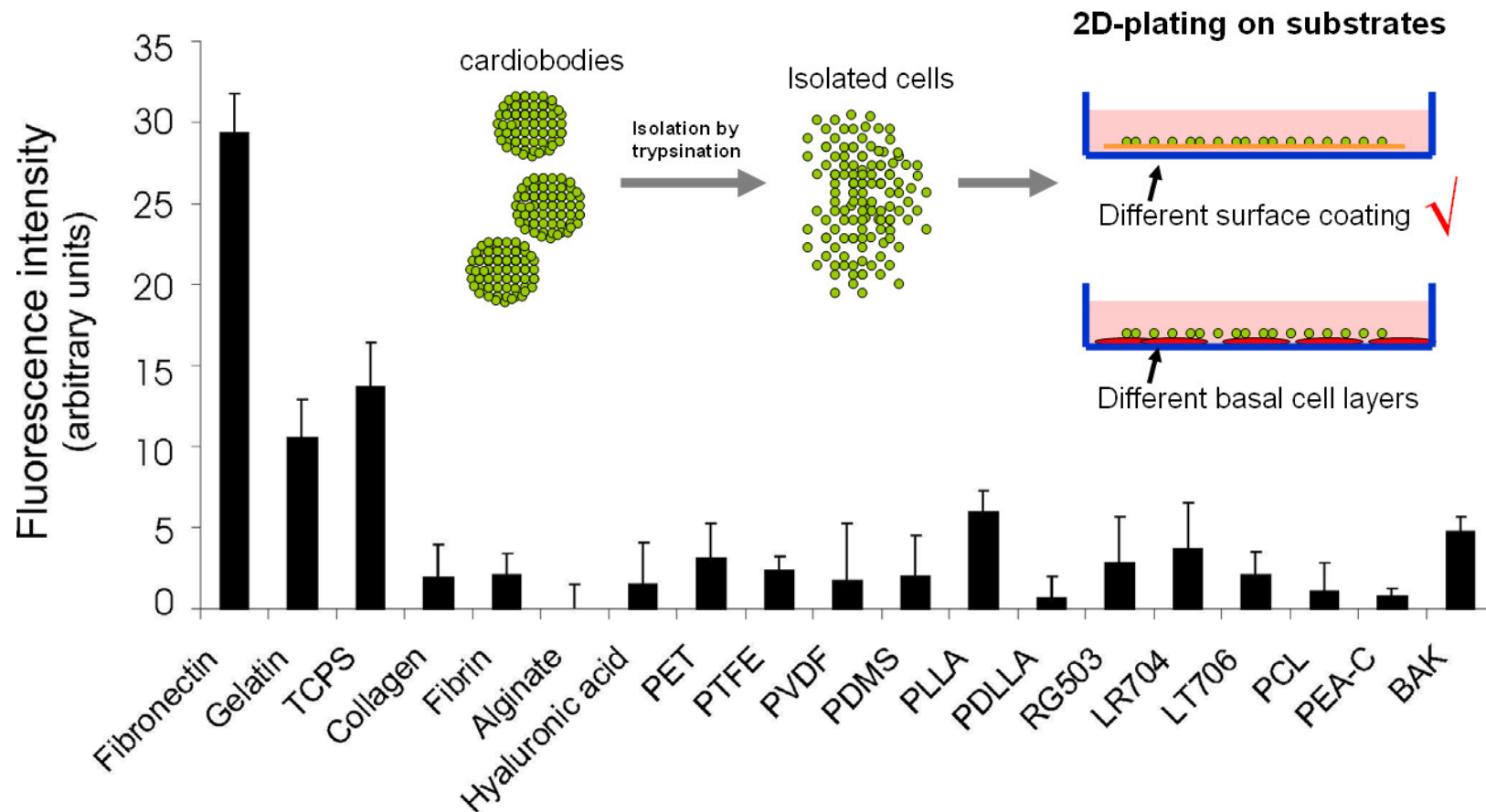


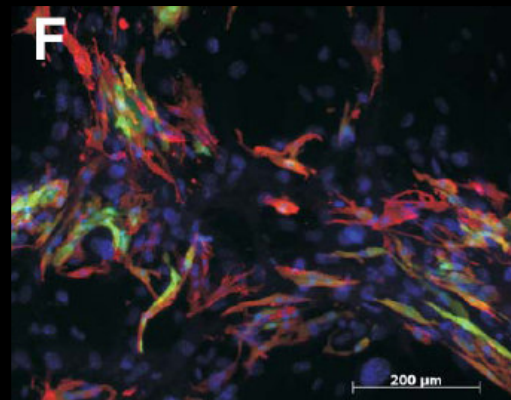
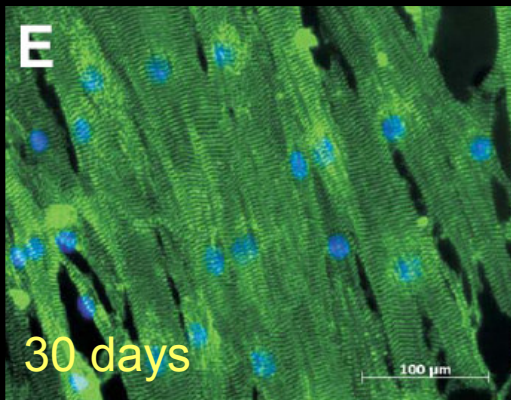
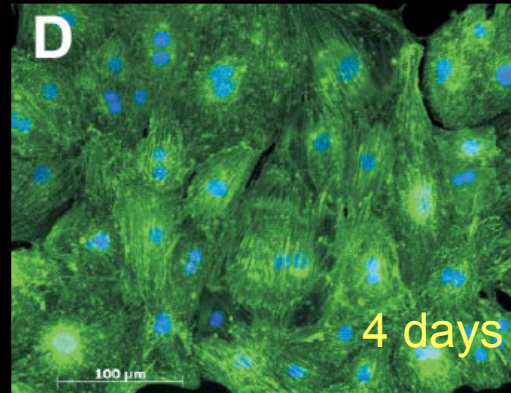
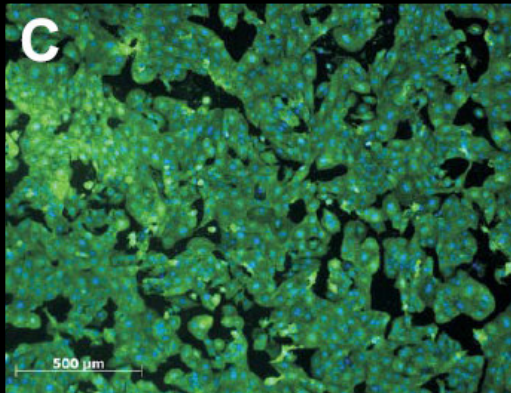
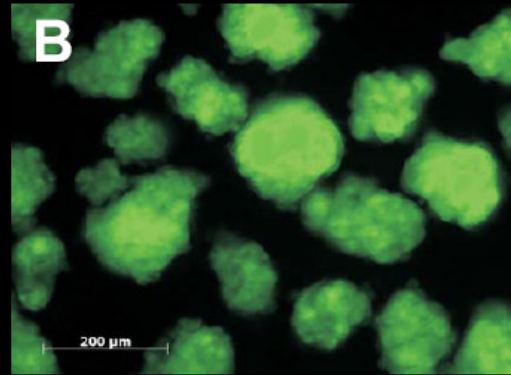
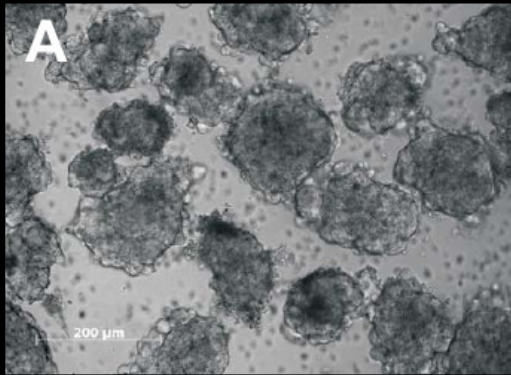
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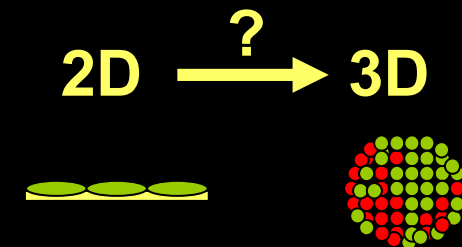


# Attachment of cardiomyocytes to different polymer surfaces (from 3D to 2D)

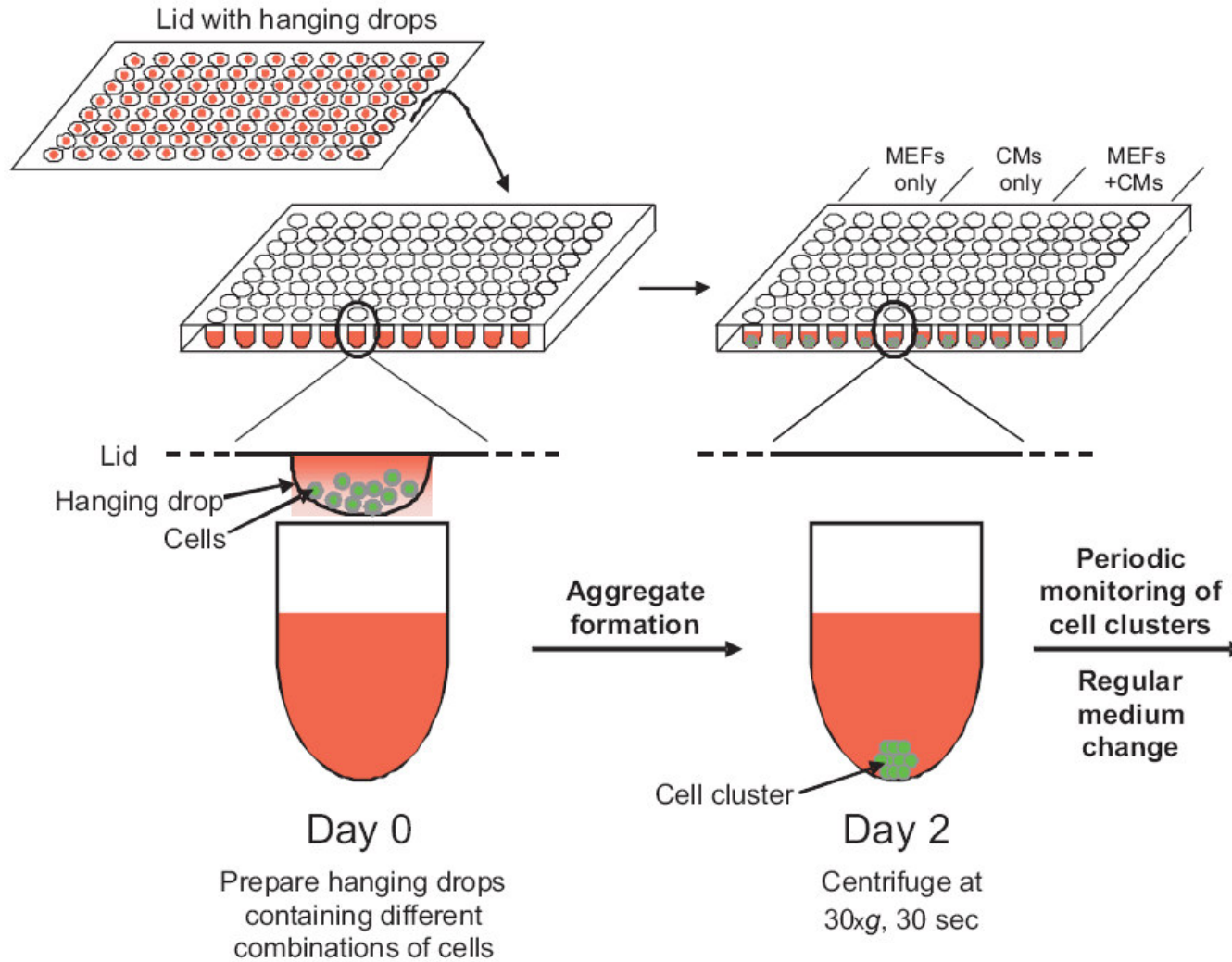




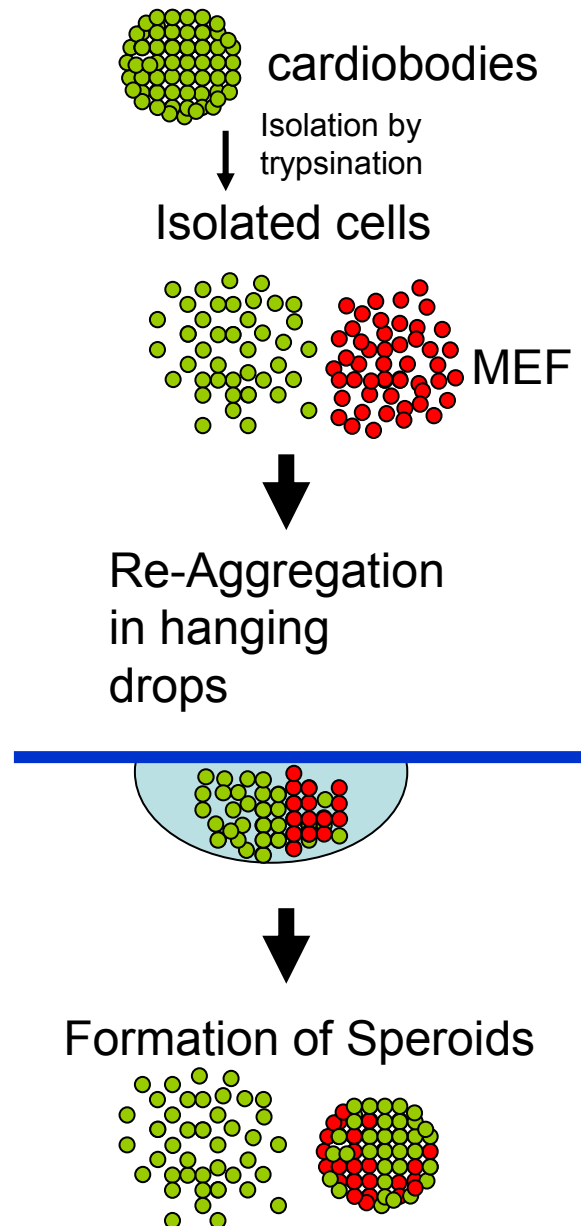
**Microscopic assessment of cardiomyocytes purity and survival in short and long term 2D cultures plated on fibronectin-coated surfaces**



# Schematic of cell aggregation using hanging drop method

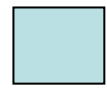
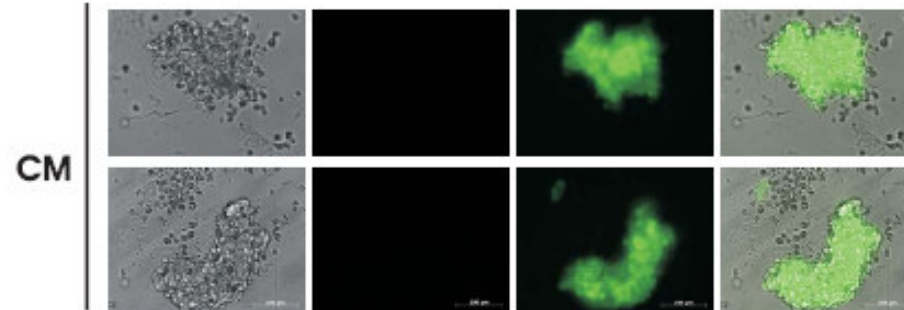


# MEFs support reaggregation of single cardiomyocytes in 3D cultures within hanging drops (from 2D to 3D)

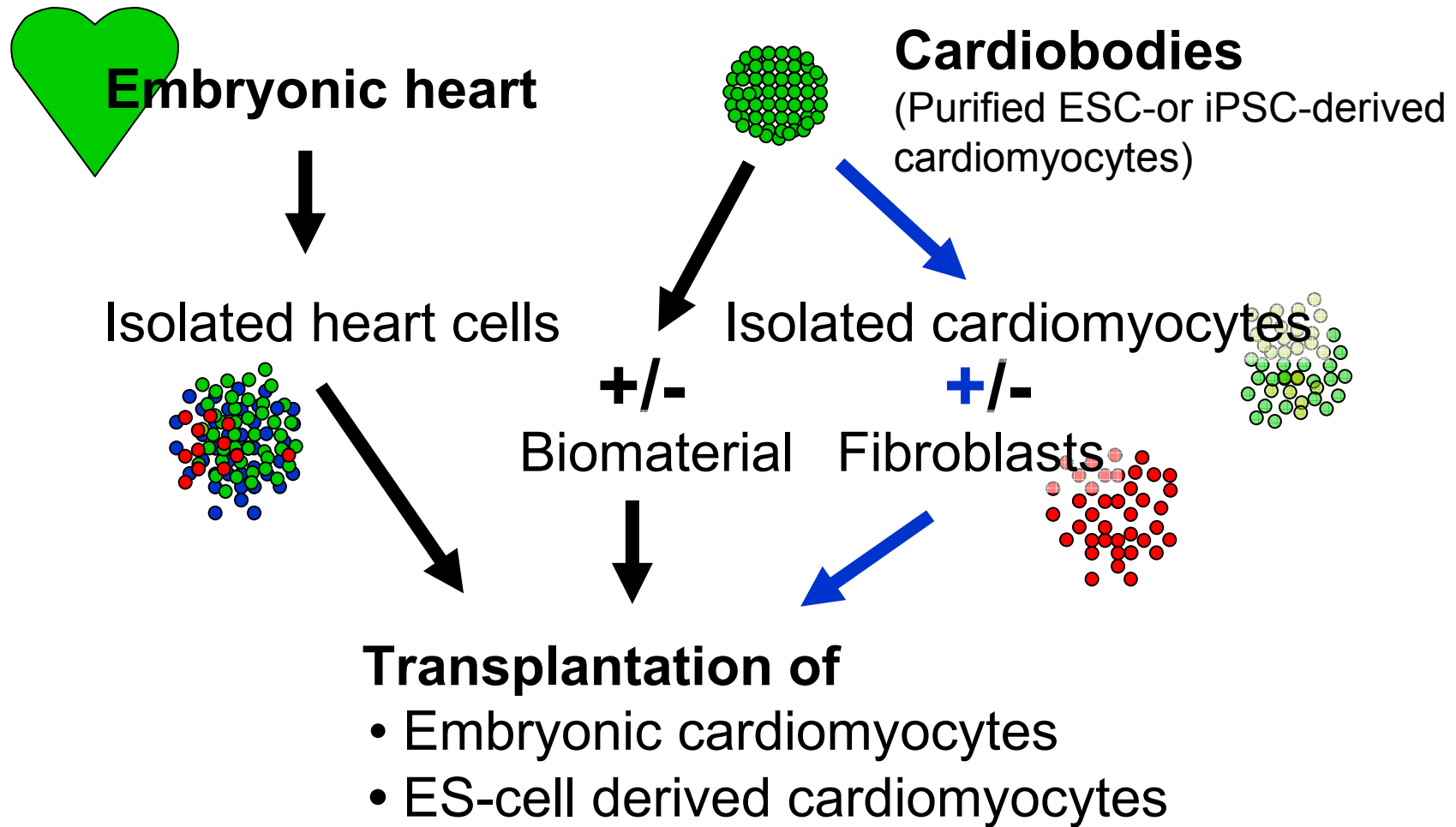


Day 2 after hanging drop formation

Brighfield	Red CMTPX	EGFP	Merge
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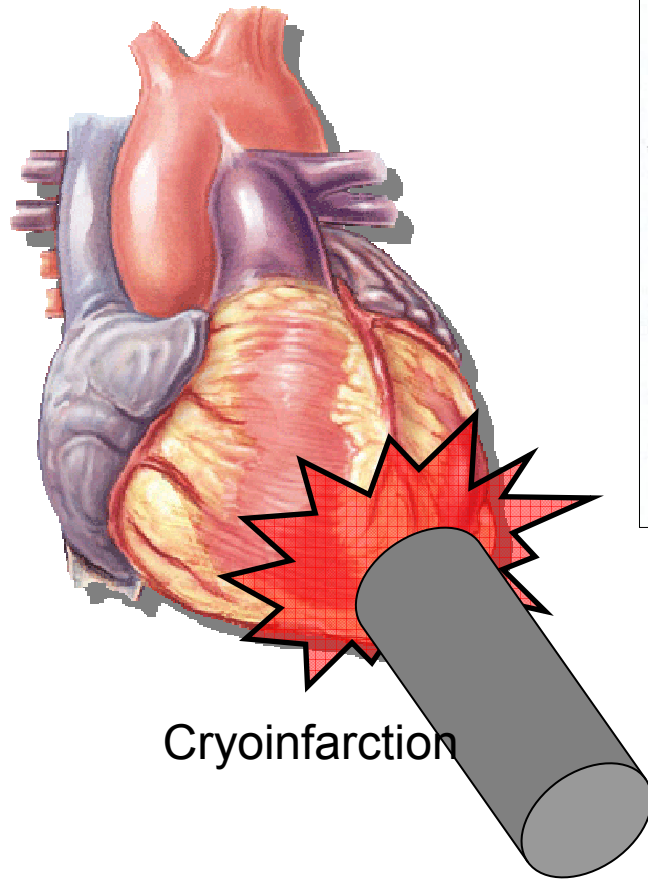


# Cellular Cardiomyoplasty

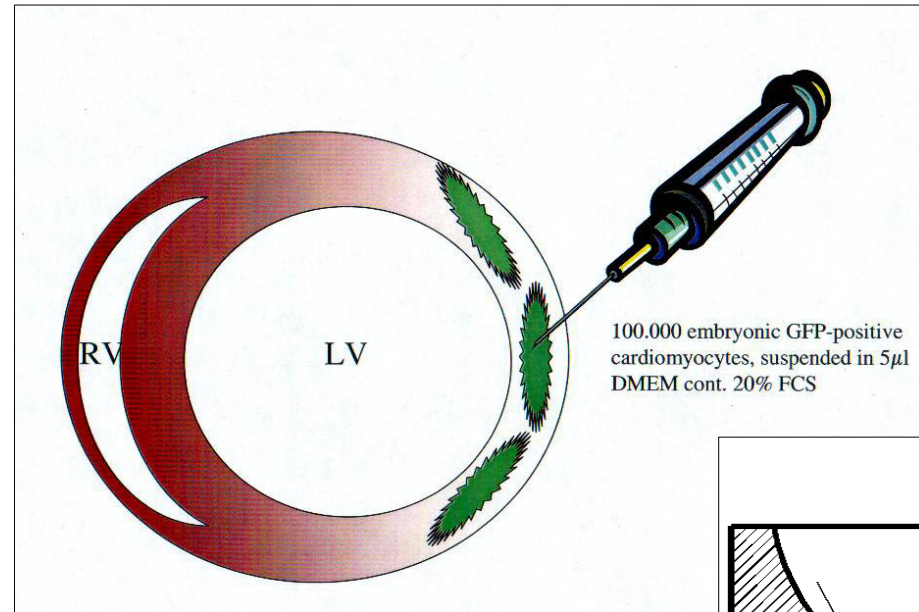




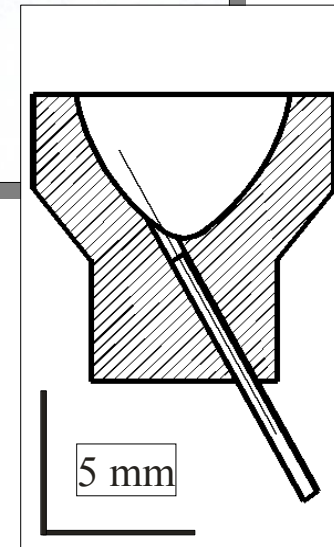
# Transplantation model



Cryoinfarction



100.000 embryonic GFP-positive cardiomyocytes, suspended in 5µl DMEM cont. 20% FCS

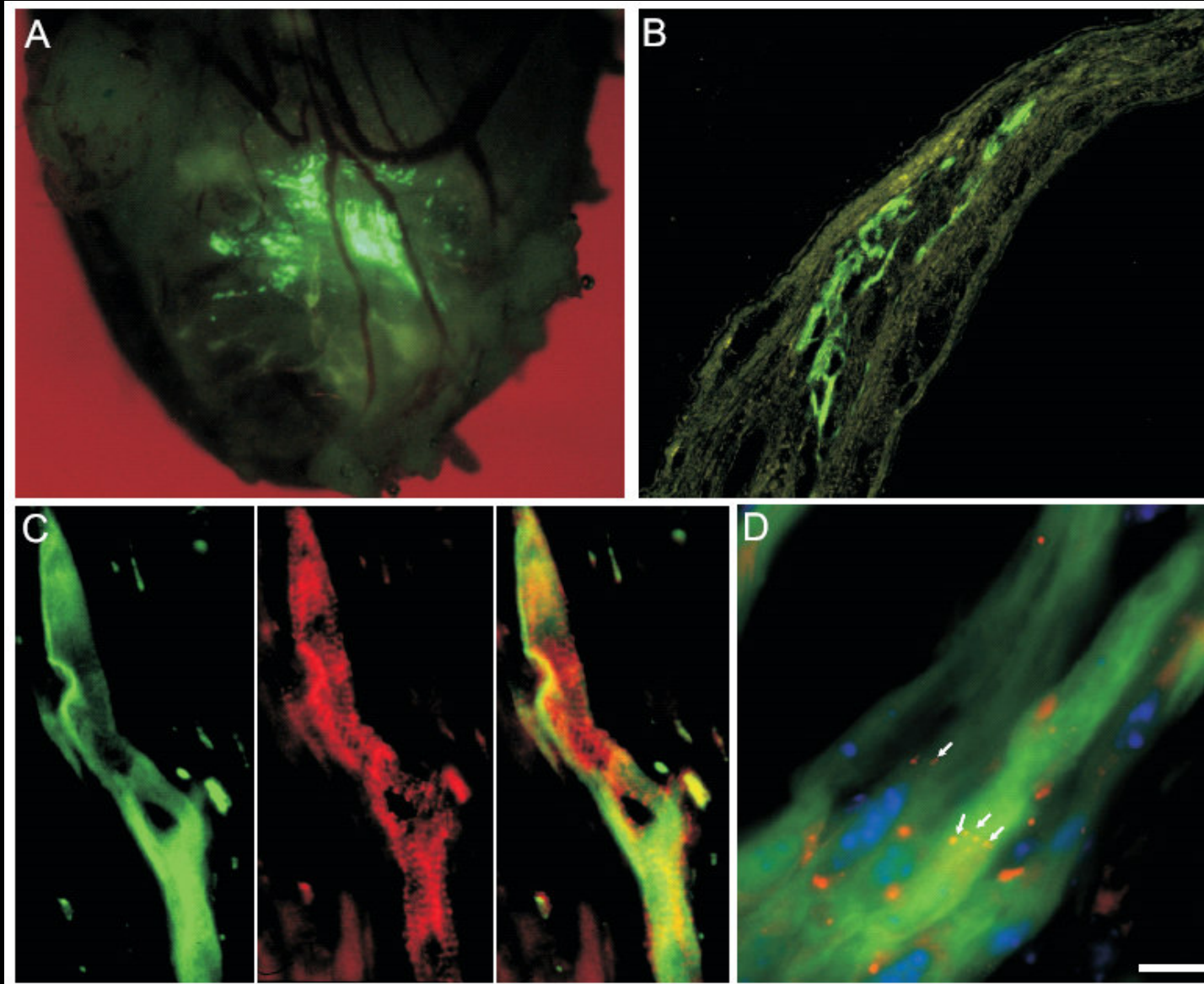


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scheme

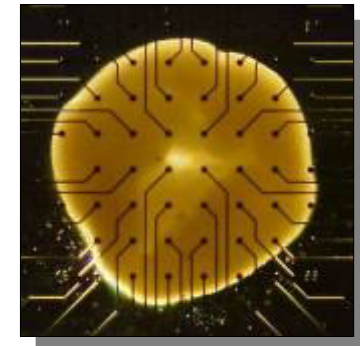
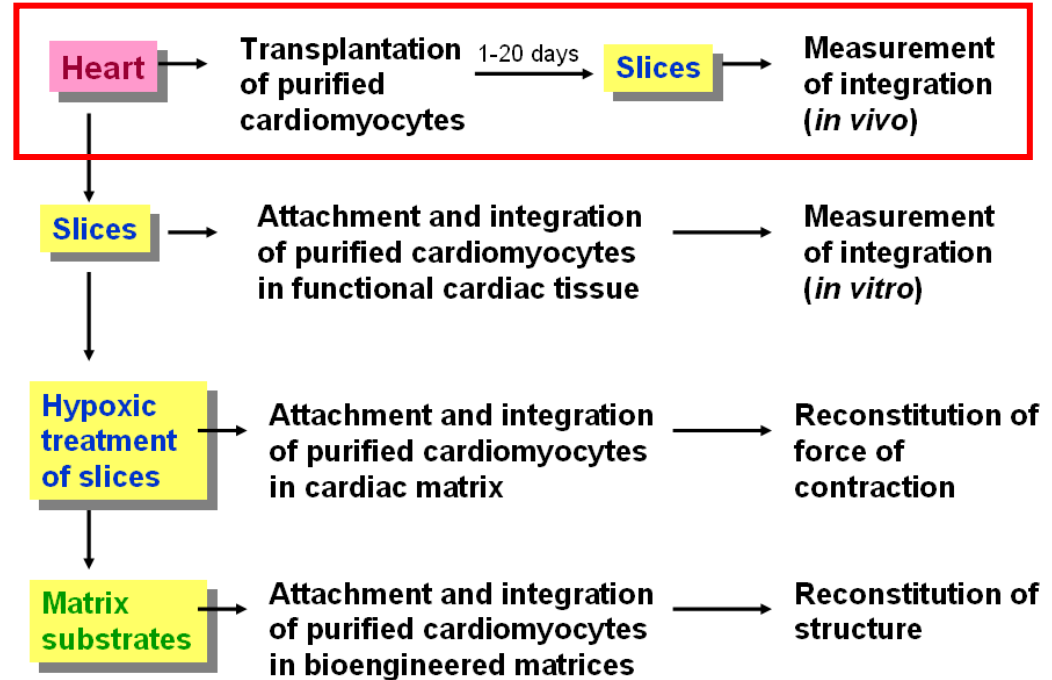
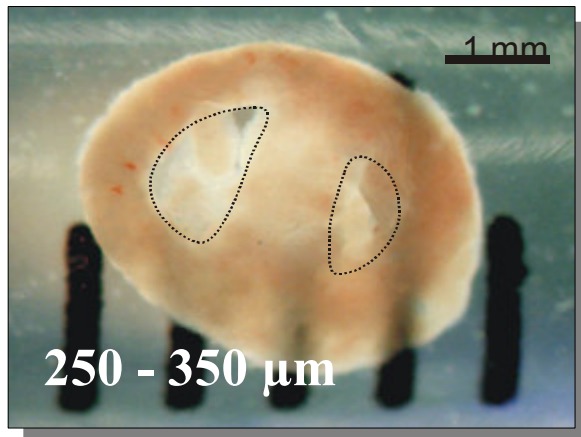
Roell et al, Transplantation 2003  
Roell et al, Circulation 2003

# Embryonic stem cell derived cardiac precursor cells after transplantation



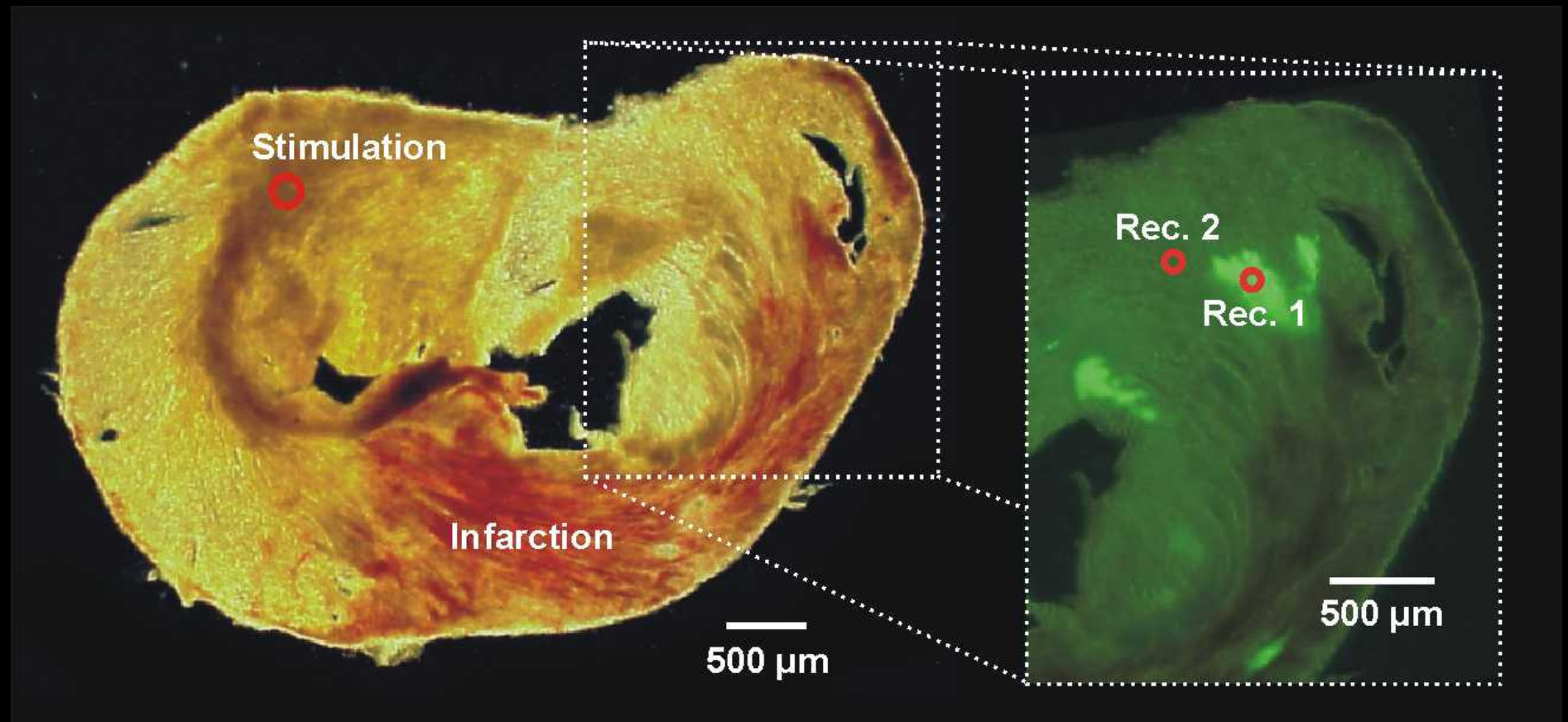
# Establishment of Slices from Murine Heart Ventricles

## to study the functional Integration of Cardiomyocytes into Cardiac Tissue

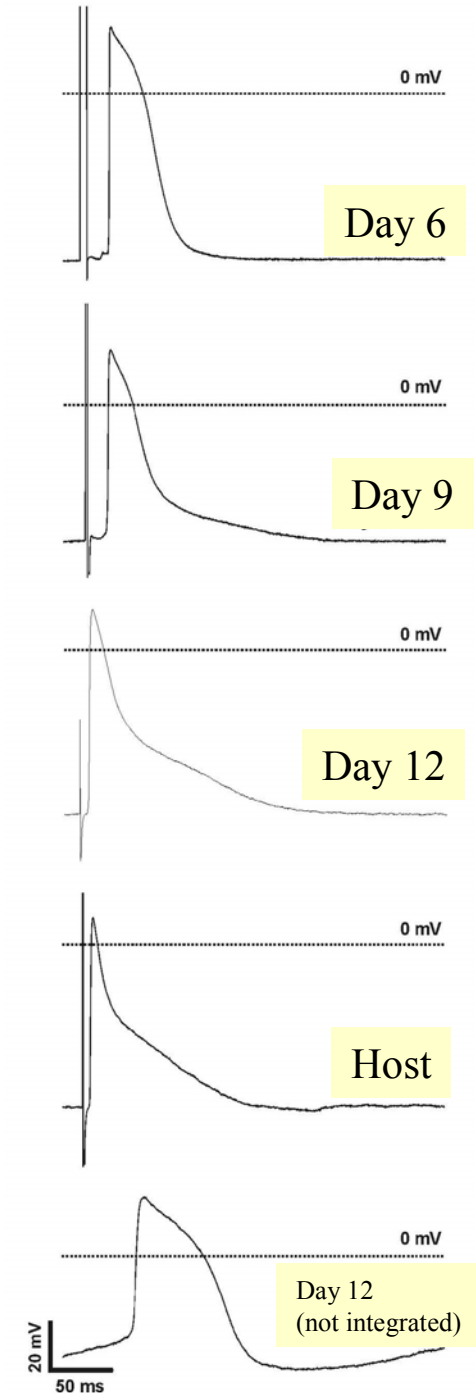
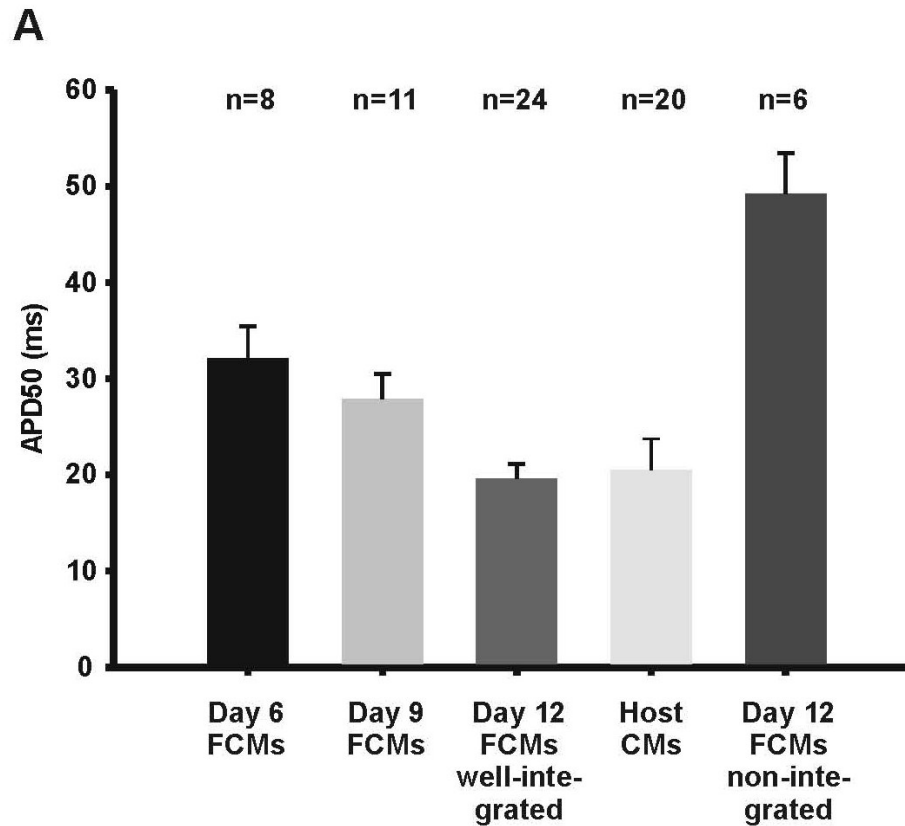
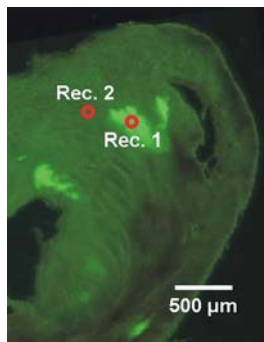
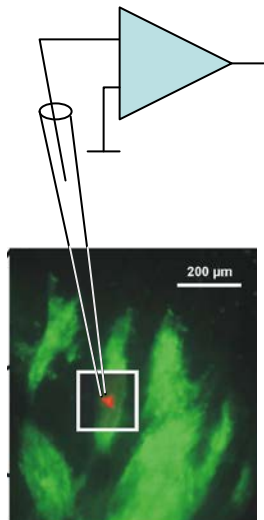




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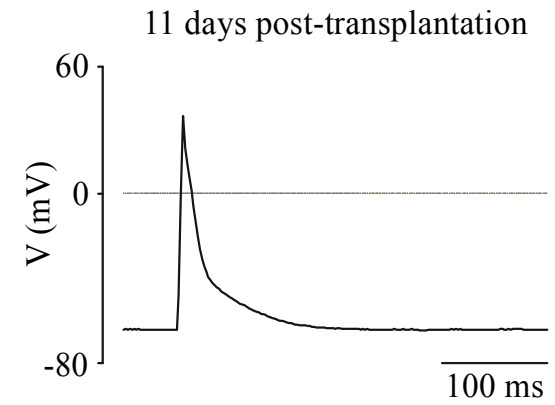
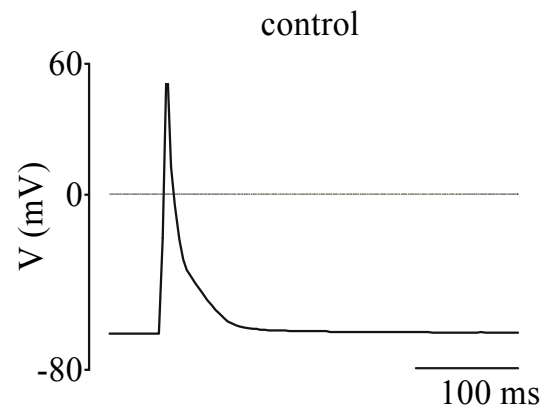
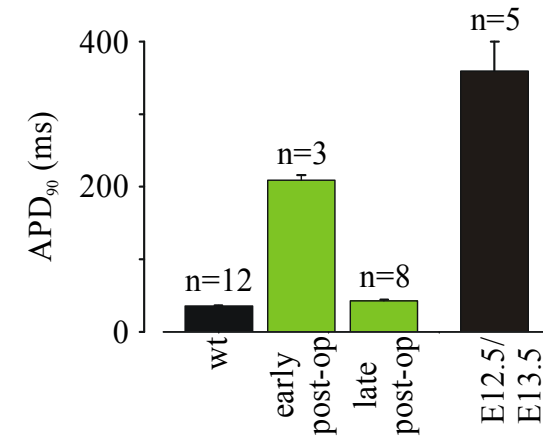
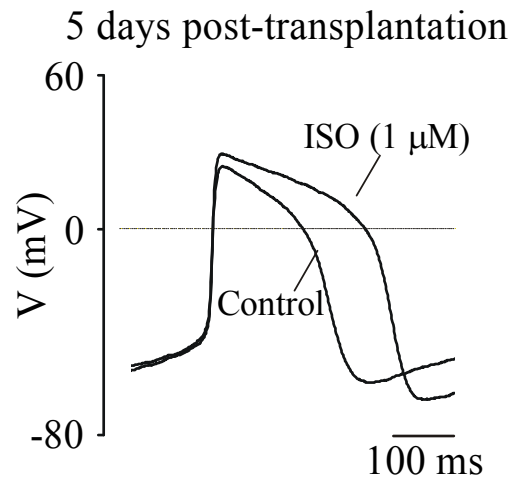
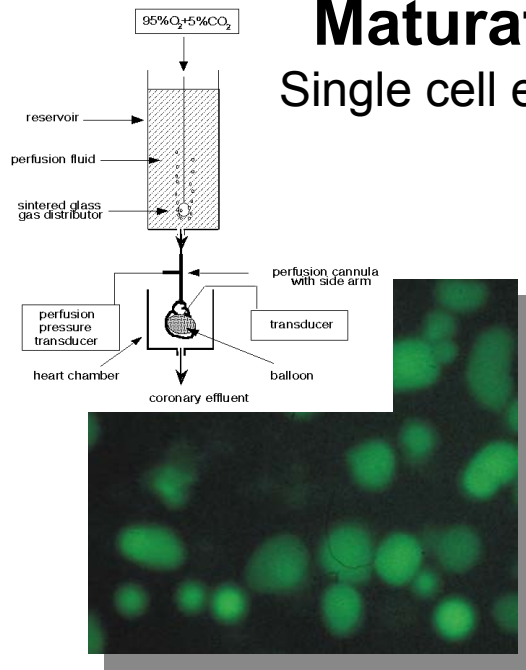


# Maturation is a time-dependent process (6 - 12 days after implantation)



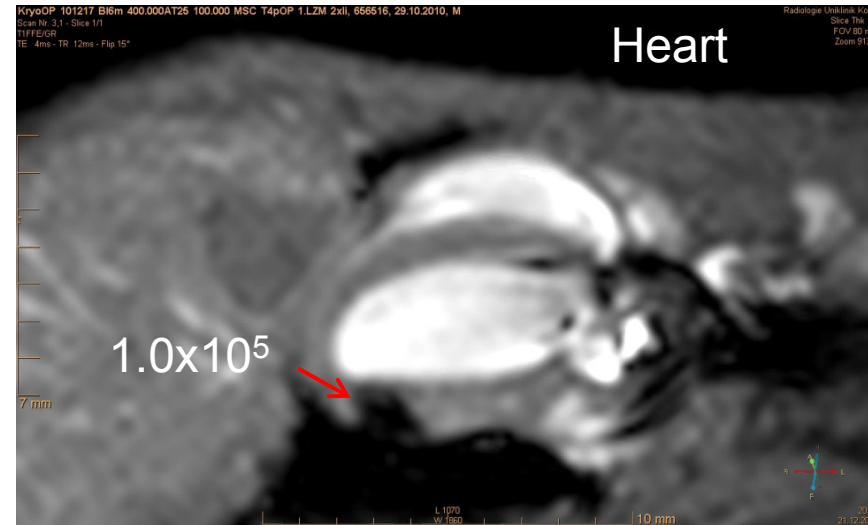
# Maturation of CMs is a time-dependent process:

Single cell electrophysiology (cells were isolated by collagenase/trypsin)

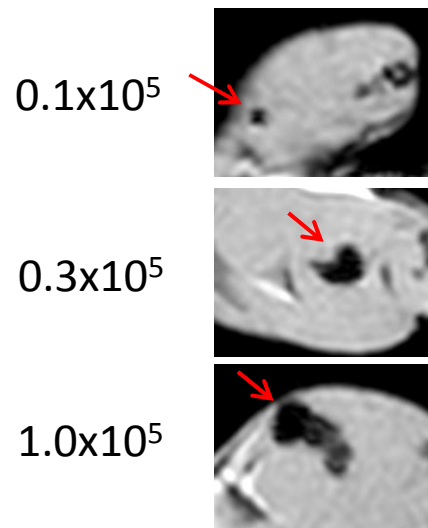




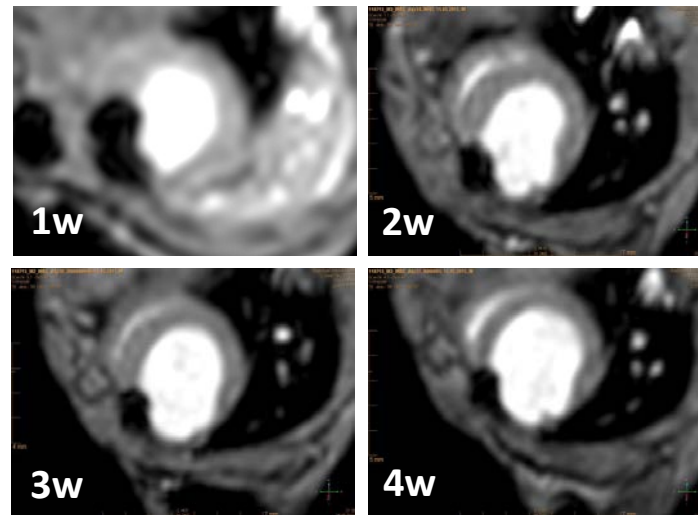
# *In vivo* tracking of MSC by MRI



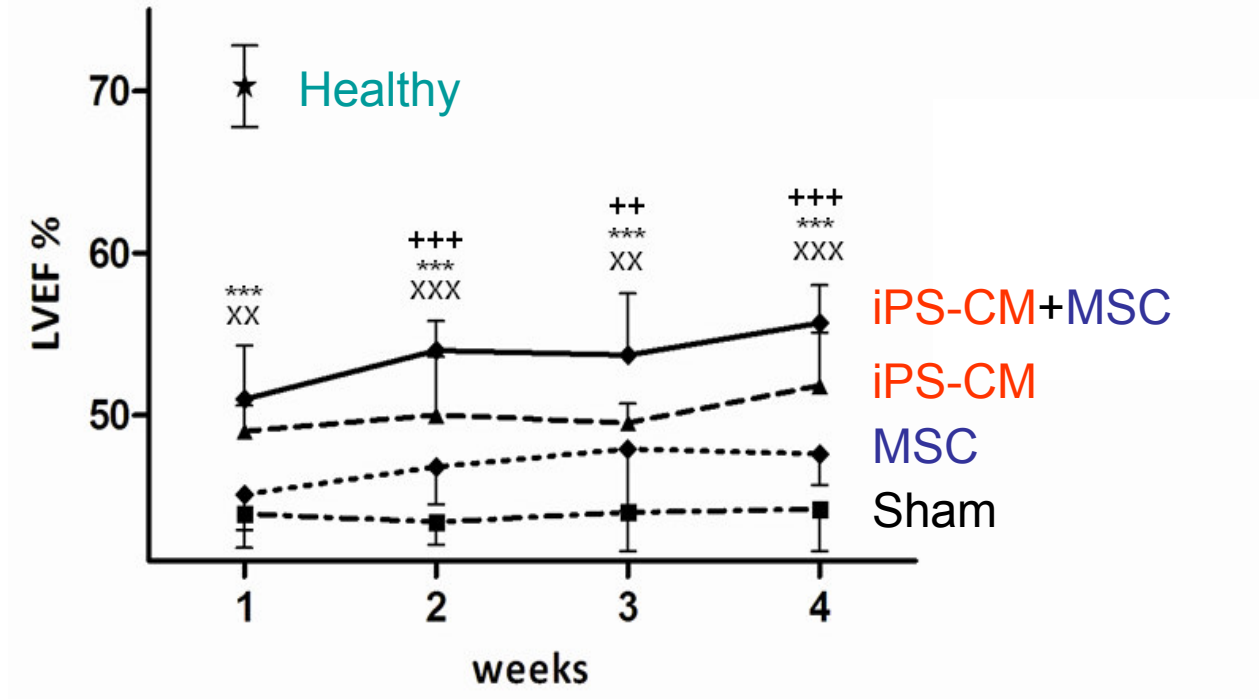
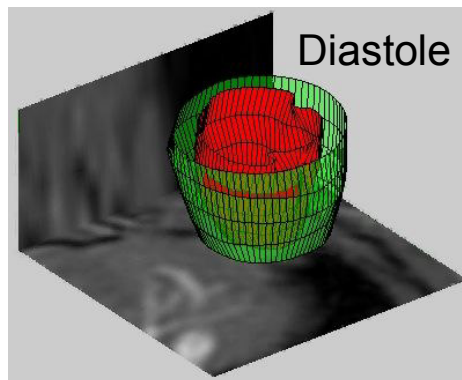
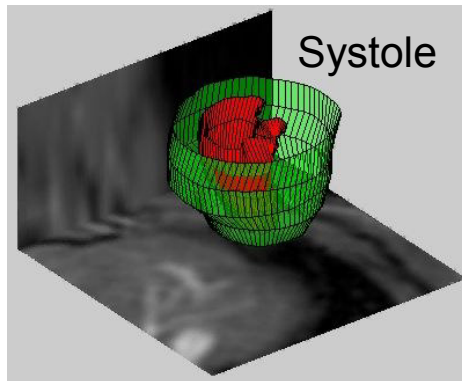
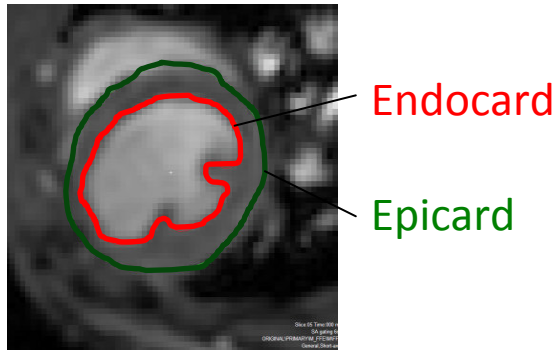
Skeletal muscle



5.0x10<sup>5</sup> MSC/heart



# Assessment of cardiac function by MRI



Bonferroni Multiple Comparisons Test:

- x = MSC vs. CM+MSC
- \* = sham vs. CM+MSC
- + = sham vs. CM
- p<0.001 (xxx/\*\*\*/+++)
- p<0.01 (xx/++)

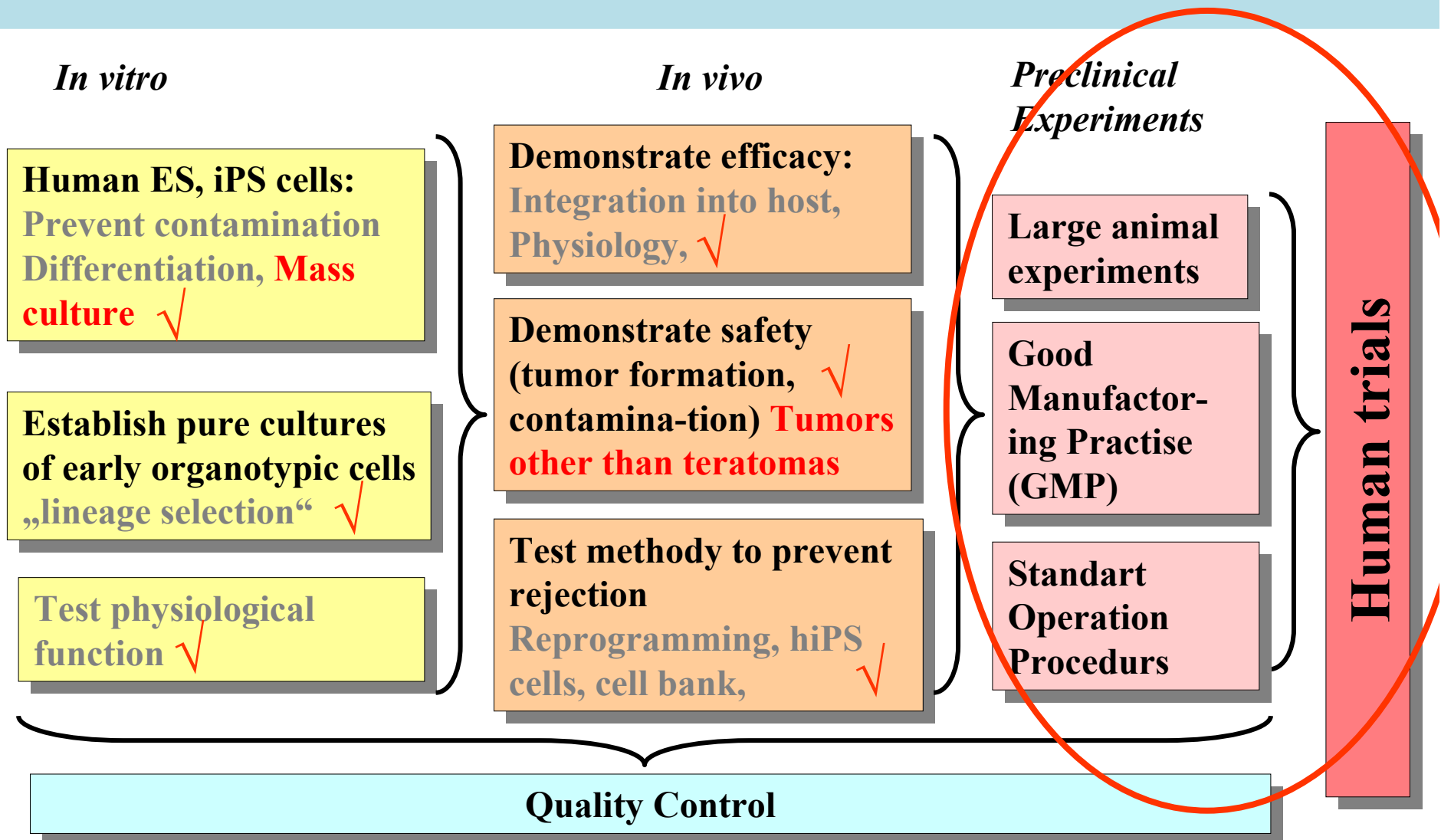
Collaboration: Florian Drey, Laboratory for cardiac regeneration (Neef/Choi group, Cologne)



**Stem Cell  
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*AsianScientist (Oct. 13, 2014)* - Imagine a world where we no longer need blood donors. A world where blood banks are filled to the brim with every possible blood type, coaxed from stem cells that originated from our skin. A world where artificial red blood cells (erythrocytes) are routinely used for blood transfusions.

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### Stem cell therapy success in treatment of sight loss from macular degeneration

After three years of follow up, researchers say the treatment is safe and most patients have notably improved vision

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This UCL photo shows an eye diseased with age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness among the elderly in the developed world. Photograph: UCL/PA



### Human embryonic stem cell-derived retinal pigment epithelium in patients with age-related macular degeneration and Stargardt's macular dystrophy: follow-up of two open-label phase 1/2 studies



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#### Summary

**Background** Since they were first derived more than three decades ago, embryonic stem cells have been proposed as a source of replacement cells in regenerative medicine, but their plasticity and unlimited capacity for self-renewal raises concerns about their safety, including tumour formation ability, potential immune rejection, and the risk of differentiating into unwanted cell types. We report the medium-term to long-term safety of cells derived from human embryonic stem cells (hESC) transplanted into patients.

**Methods** In the USA, two prospective phase 1/2 studies were done to assess the primary endpoints safety and tolerability of subretinal transplantation of hESC-derived retinal pigment epithelium in nine patients with Stargardt's macular dystrophy (age >18 years) and nine with atrophic age-related macular degeneration (age >55 years). Three dose cohorts (50 000, 100 000, and 150 000 cells) were treated for each eye disorder. Transplanted patients were followed up for a median of 22 months by use of serial systemic, ophthalmic, and imaging examinations. The studies are registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, numbers NCT01345006 (Stargardt's macular dystrophy) and NCT01344993

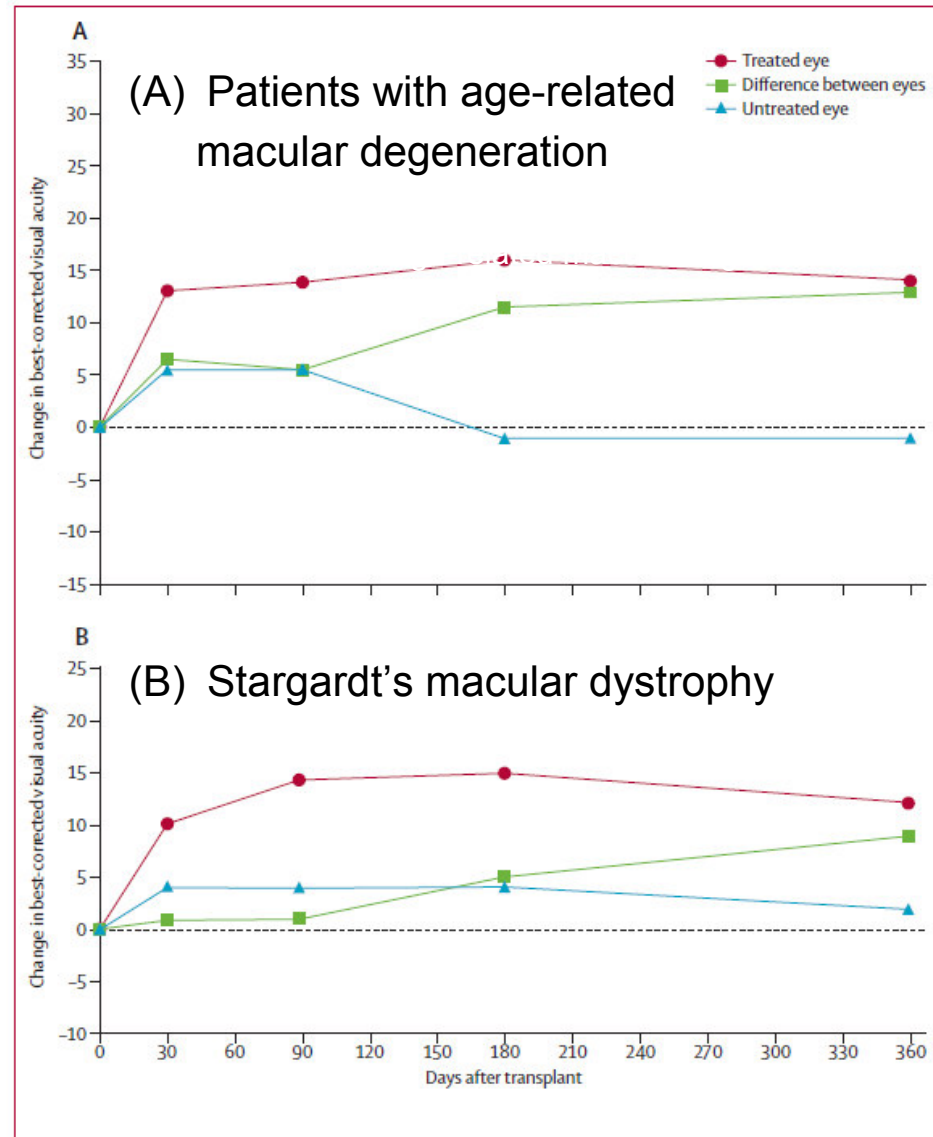
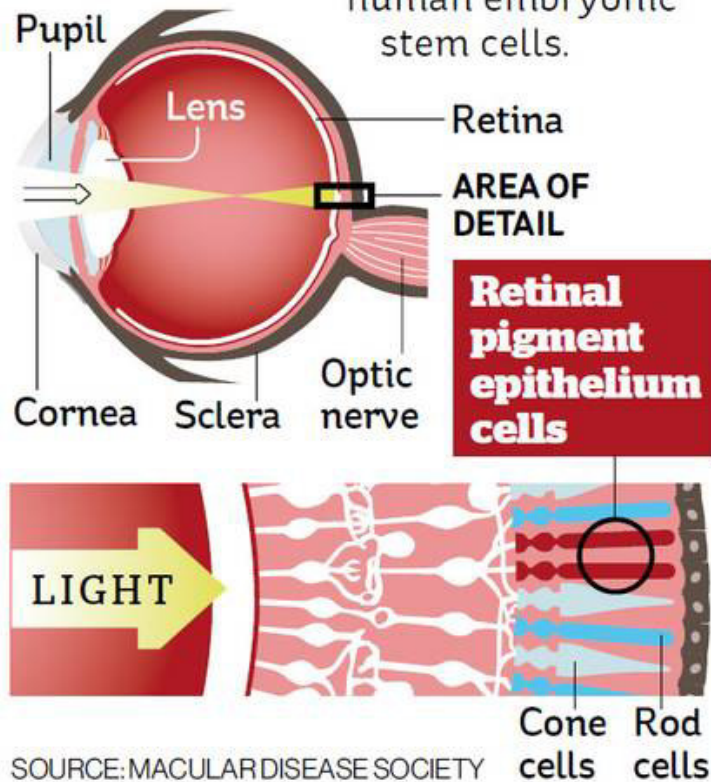
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# Stem cell treatment

Macular degeneration leads to blindness as the photo-sensitive cells of the retina are destroyed. In a clinical trial, scientists have replaced them with cells (bottom panel) derived from human embryonic stem cells.

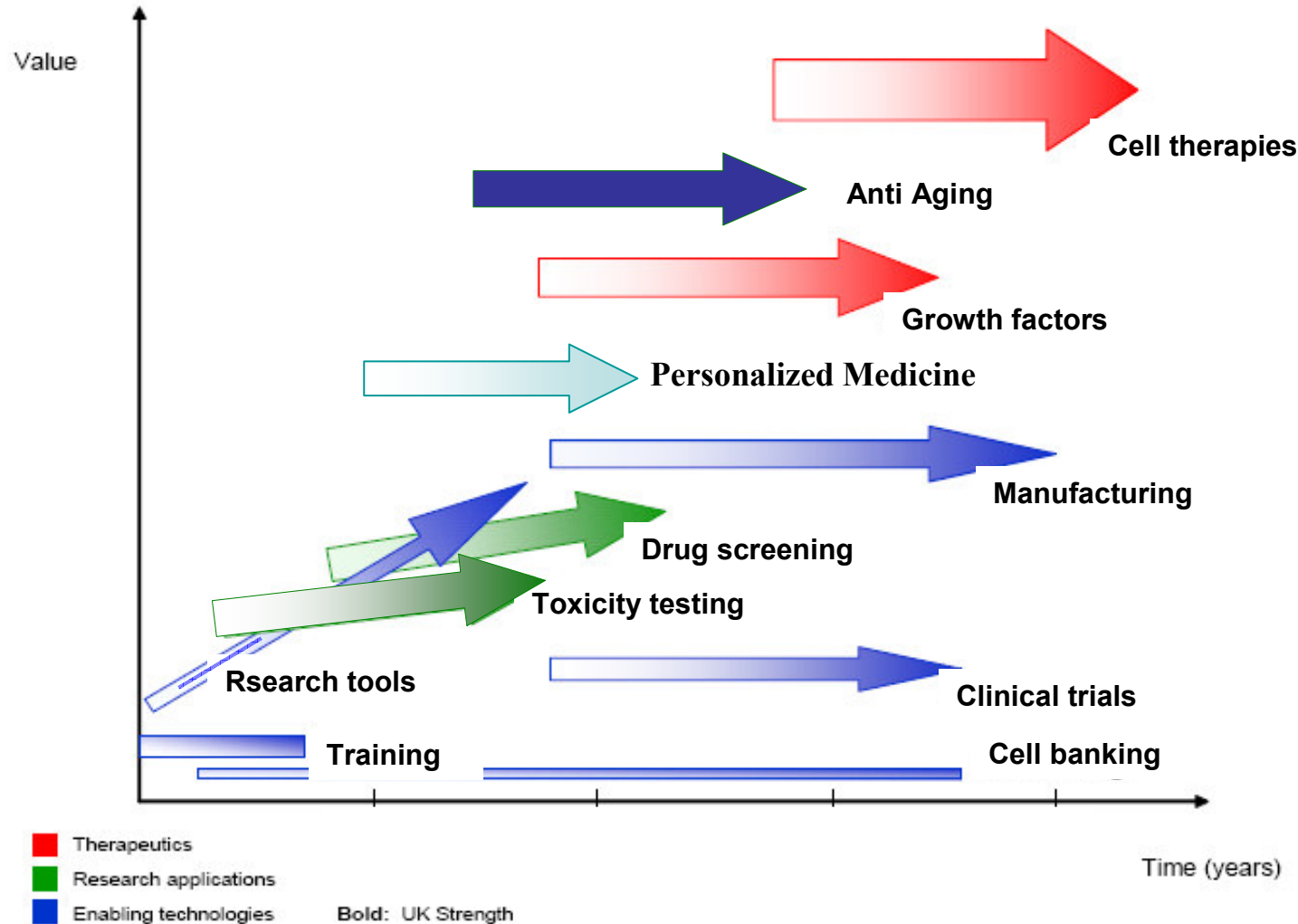


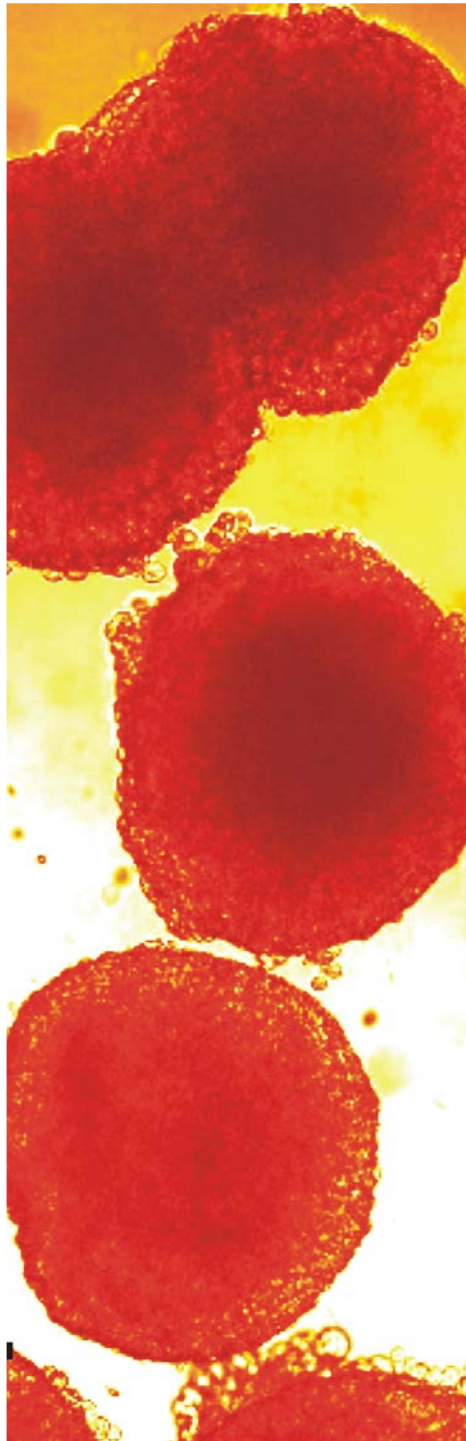
Steven D Schwartz et al., Lancet 2014

# Summary of Usage and Opportunities of Human Embryonic Stem Cells / iPS Cells

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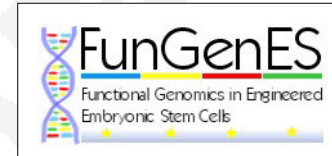
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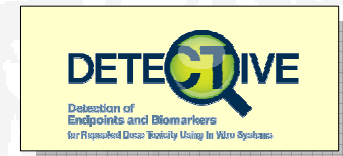


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# Greetings from our Cologne group 20th year jubilee



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A blue-tinted photograph of a Gothic cathedral, likely the Cologne Cathedral, with the text "Thank you!" overlaid in a yellow, cursive font. The text is centered and spans across the middle of the image. The cathedral's intricate Gothic architecture, including its spires and flying buttresses, is visible in the background.

*Thank  
you!*